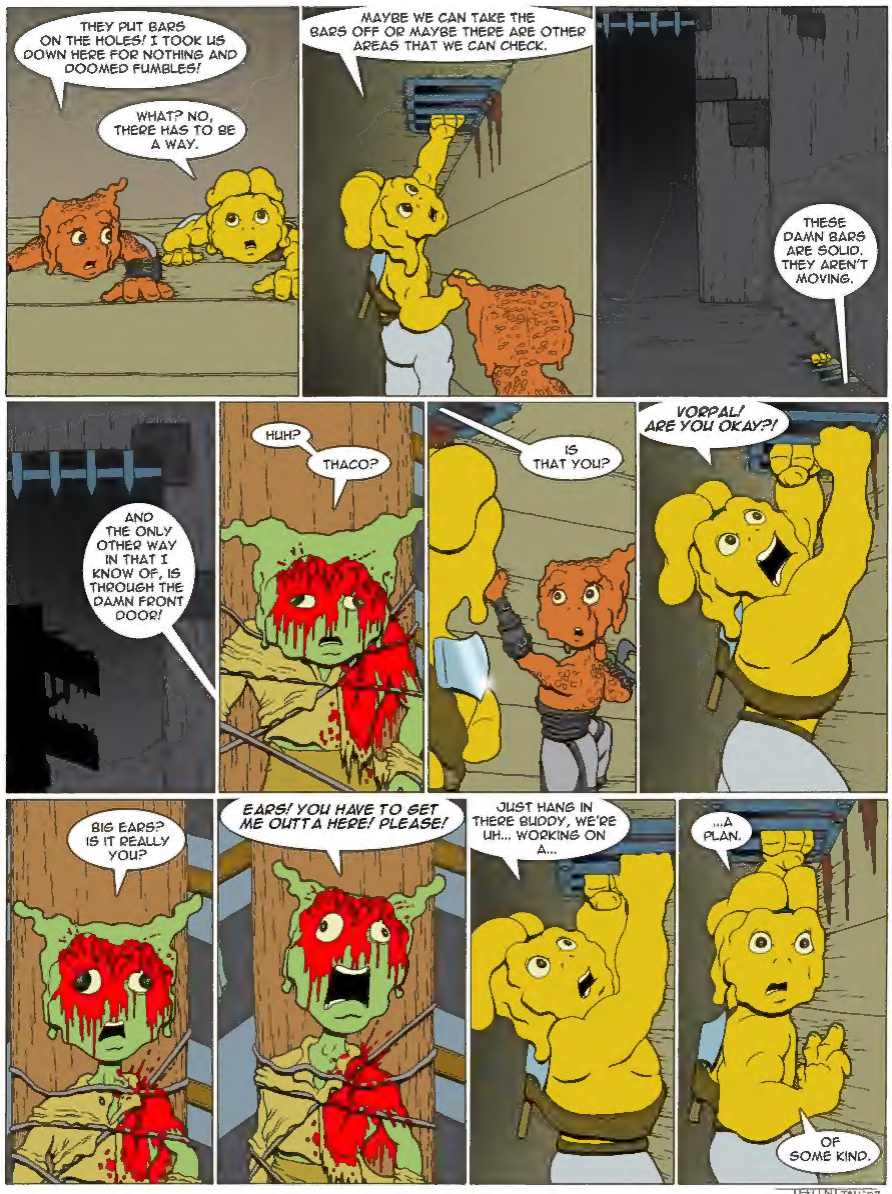
THEY PUT BARS ON THE HOLES! I TOOK US DOWN HERE FOR NOTHING AND DOOMED FUMBLES!
WHAT? NO, THERE HAS TO BE A WAY.
MAYBE WE CAN TAKE THE BARS OFF OR MAYBE THERE ARE OTHER AREAS THAT WE CAN CHECK.
THESE DAMN BARS ARE SOLID. THEY AREN'T MOVING.
AND THE ONLY OTHER WAY IN THAT I KNOW OF, IS THROUGH THE DAMN FRONT DOOR!
HUH?
THACO?
IS THAT YOU?
VORPAL! ARE YOU OKAY?!
BIG EARS? IS IT REALLY YOU?
EARS! YOU HAVE TO GET ME OUTTA HERE! PLEASE!
JUST HANG IN THERE BUDDY, WE'RE UH... WORKING ON A...
...A PLAN.
OF SOME KIND.

OH SONOVA CRAP!
C'MON GUYS, LOOK OVER HERE!
EARS, COMPLAINS IS GOIN' NUTS OVER THERE. I THINK GUARDS ARE COMING.
VORPAL LISTEN TO ME. WE'RE GOING TO FIND A WAY TO GET YOU OUT, BUT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO GO.
NO! PLEASE EARS, I'M SO SCARED! PLEASE DON'T GO!
DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT ME! PLEASE! I'M SCARED!
EARS?
THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO GET TO HIM. I MEAN, HE'S ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY.
I CAN HEAR HIM, HE'S RIGHT THERE!
EARS...
MAYBE WE CAN WIGGLE THESE BUMPY PARTS OUT OR SOMETHING.
EARS, WE HAVE TO GO.
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT ME. DON'T LEAVE ME HERE ALONE.
AAAAA!
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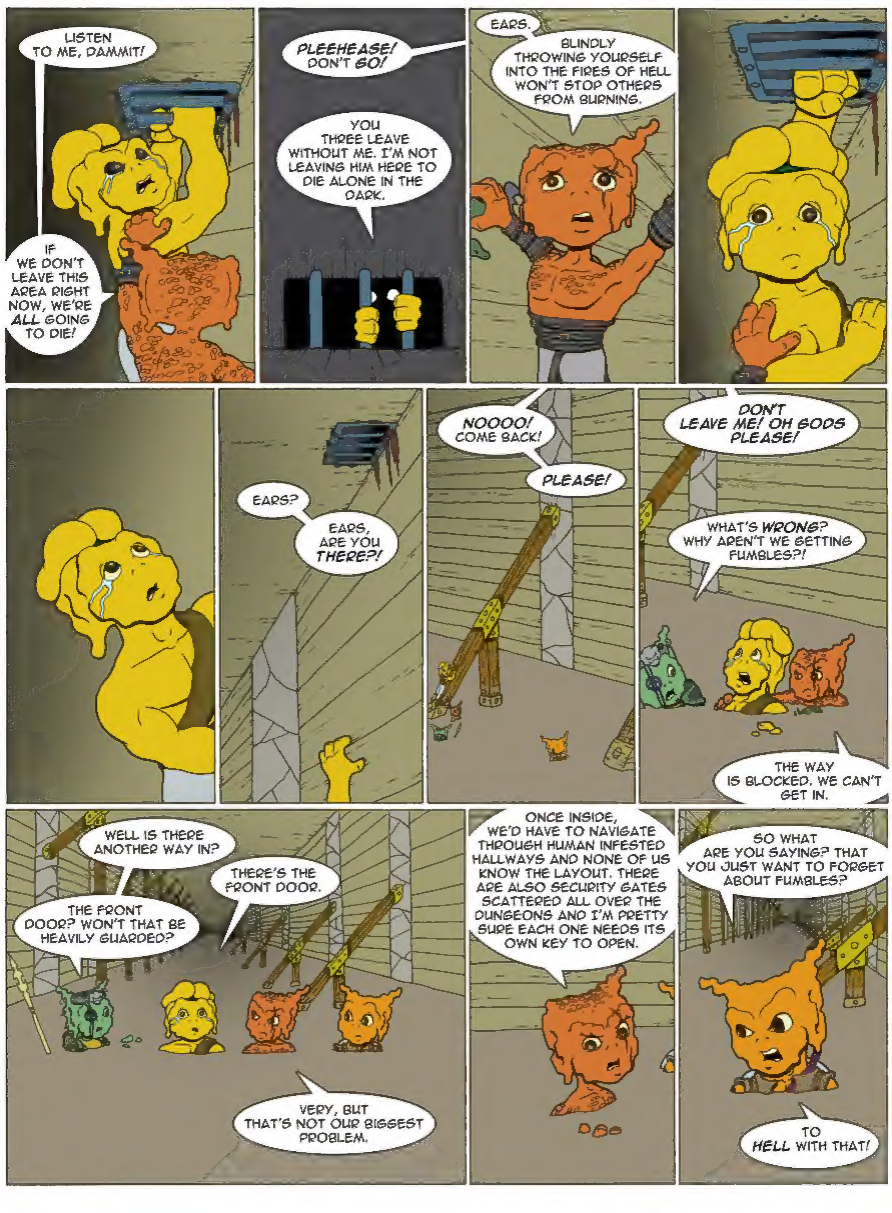
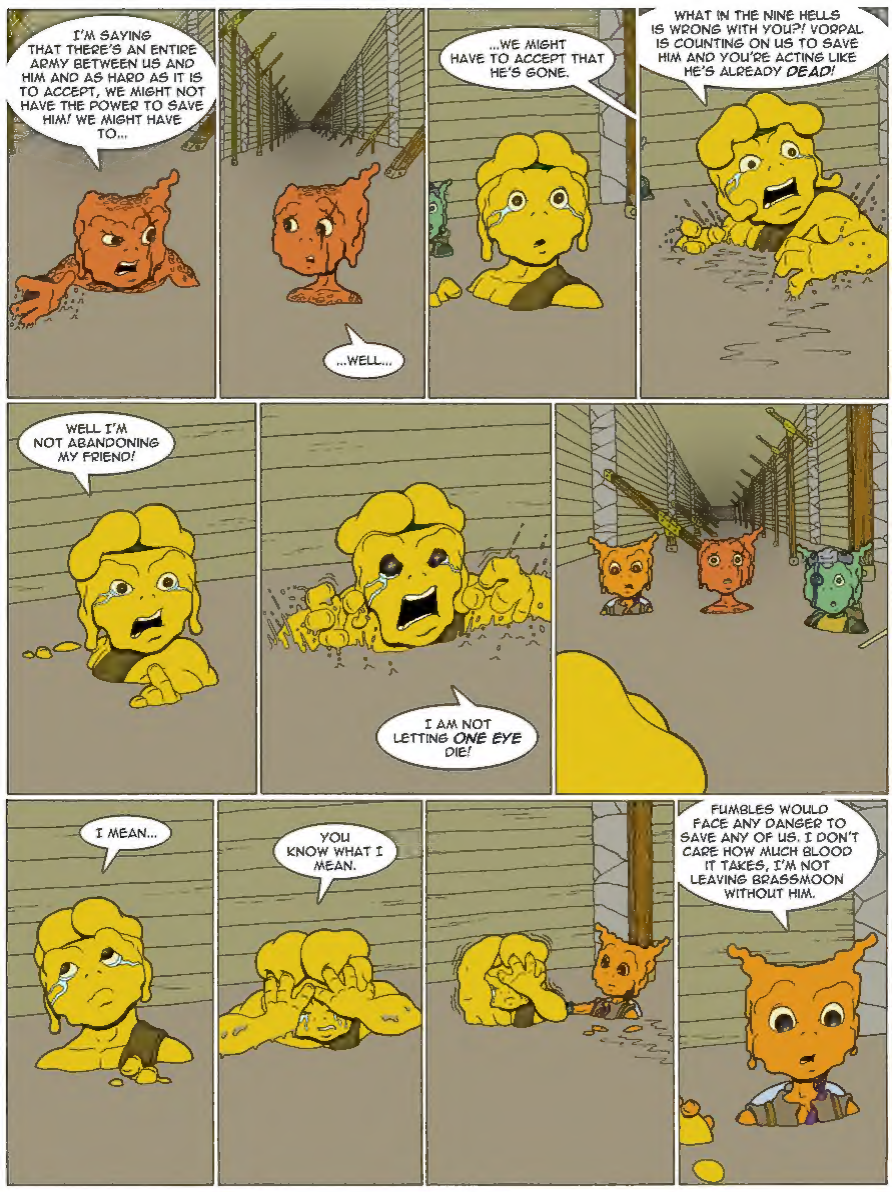
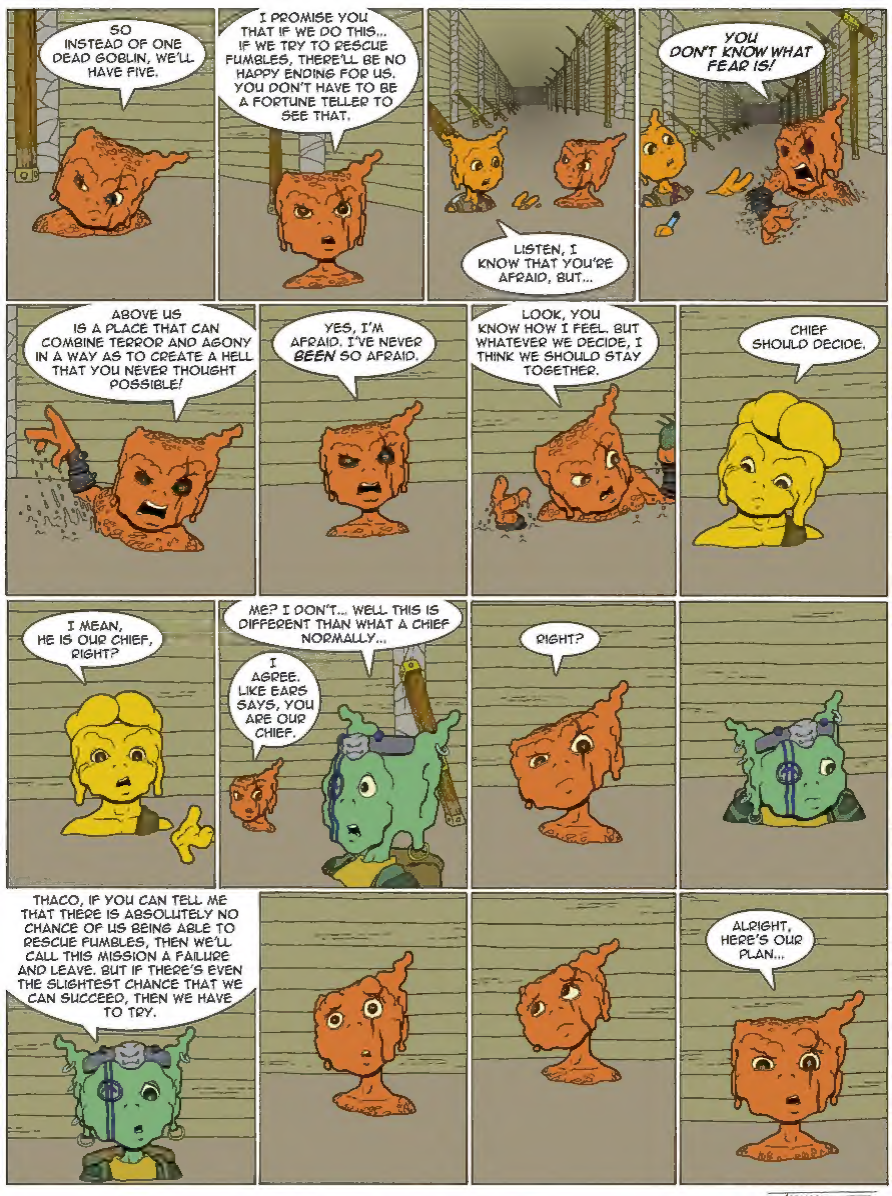

LISTEN TO ME, DAMMIT!
IF WE DON'T LEAVE THIS AREA RIGHT NOW, WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!
PLEEHEASE! DON'T GO!
YOU THREE LEAVE WITHOUT ME. I'M NOT LEAVING HIM HERE TO DIE ALONE IN THE DARK.
EARS.
BLINDLY THROWING YOURSELF INTO THE FIRES OF HELL WON'T STOP OTHERS FROM BURNING.
EARS?
EARS, ARE YOU THERE?!
NOOOO! COME BACK!
PLEASE!
DON'T LEAVE ME! OH GODS PLEASE!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY AREN'T WE GETTING FUMBLES?!
THE WAY IS BLOCKED. WE CAN'T GET IN.
WELL IS THERE ANOTHER WAY IN?
THERE'S THE FRONT DOOR.
THE FRONT DOOR? WON'T THAT BE HEAVILY GUARDED?
VERY, BUT THAT'S NOT OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM.
ONCE INSIDE, WE'D HAVE TO NAVIGATE THROUGH HUMAN INFESTED HALLWAYS AND NONE OF US KNOW THE LAYOUT. THERE ARE ALSO SECURITY GATES SCATTERED ALL OVER THE DUNGEONS AND I'M PRETTY SURE EACH ONE NEEDS ITS OWN KEY TO OPEN.
SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT YOU JUST WANT TO FORGET ABOUT FUMBLES?
TO HELL WITH THAT!


I'M SAYING THAT THERE'S AN ENTIRE ARMY BETWEEN US AND HIM AND AS HARD AS IT IS TO ACCEPT, WE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE HIM! WE MIGHT HAVE TO...
...WELL...
...WE MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT HE'S GONE.
WHAT IN THE NINE HELLS IS WRONG WITH YOU?! VORPAL IS COUNTING ON US TO SAVE HIM AND YOU'RE ACTING LIKE HE'S ALREADY DEAD!
WELL I'M NOT ABANDONING MY FRIEND!
I AM NOT LETTING ONE EYE DIE!
I MEAN...
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
FUMBLES WOULD FACE ANY DANGER TO SAVE ANY OF US. I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH BLOOD IT TAKES, I'M NOT LEAVING BRASSMOON WITHOUT HIM.


SO INSTEAD OF ONE DEAD GOBLIN, WE'LL HAVE FIVE.
I PROMISE YOU THAT IF WE DO THIS... IF WE TRY TO RESCUE FUMBLES, THERE'LL BE NO HAPPY ENDING FOR US. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A FORTUNE TELLER TO SEE THAT.
LISTEN, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE AFRAID, BUT...
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT FEAR IS!
ABOVE US IS A PLACE THAT CAN COMBINE TERROR AND AGONY IN A WAY AS TO CREATE A HELL THAT YOU NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE!
YES, I'M AFRAID. I'VE NEVER BEEN SO AFRAID.
LOOK, YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL. BUT WHATEVER WE DECIDE, I THINK WE SHOULD STAY TOGETHER.
CHIEF SHOULD DECIDE.
I MEAN, HE IS OUR CHIEF, RIGHT?
ME? I DON'T... WELL THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT A CHIEF NORMALLY...
I AGREE. LIKE EARS SAYS, YOU ARE OUR CHIEF.
RIGHT?
THACO, IF YOU CAN TELL ME THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF US BEING ABLE TO RESCUE FUMBLES, THEN WE'LL CALL THIS MISSION A FAILURE AND LEAVE. BUT IF THERE'S EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE THAT WE CAN SUCCEED, THEN WE HAVE TO TRY.
ALRIGHT, HERE'S OUR PLAN...

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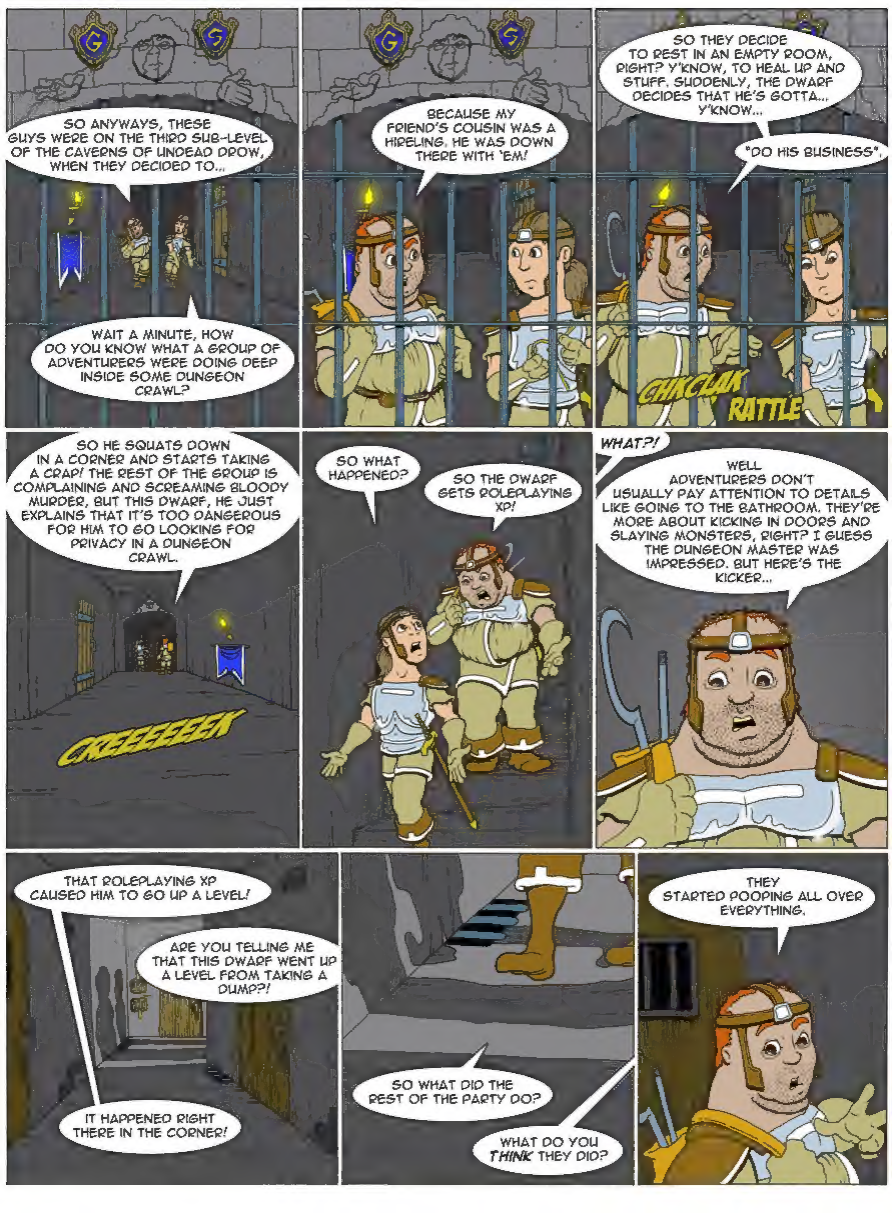
SO ANYWAYS, THESE GUYS WERE ON THE THIRD SUB-LEVEL OF THE CAVERNS OF UNDEAD DROW, WHEN THEY DECIDED TO...
WAIT A MINUTE, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT A GROUP OF ADVENTURERS WERE DOING DEEP INSIDE SOME DUNGEON CRAWL?
BECAUSE MY FRIEND'S COUSIN WAS A HIRELING. HE WAS DOWN THERE WITH 'EM!
SO THEY DECIDE TO REST IN AN EMPTY ROOM, RIGHT? Y'KNOW, TO HEAL UP AND STUFF. SUDDENLY, THE DWARF DECIDES THAT HE'S GOTTA... Y'KNOW...
"DO HIS BUSINESS".
CHKCLAK
RATTLE
SO HE SQUATS DOWN IN A CORNER AND STARTS TAKING A CRAP! THE REST OF THE GROUP IS COMPLAINING AND SCREAMING BLOODY MURDER, BUT THIS DWARF, HE JUST EXPLAINS THAT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR HIM TO GO LOOKING FOR PRIVACY IN A DUNGEON CRAWL.
CREEEEEEEK
SO WHAT HAPPENED?
SO THE DWARF GETS ROLEPLAYING XP!
WHAT?!
WELL ADVENTURERS DON'T USUALLY PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS LIKE GOING TO THE BATHROOM. THEY'RE MORE ABOUT KICKING IN DOORS AND SLAYING MONSTERS, RIGHT? I GUESS THE DUNGEON MASTER WAS IMPRESSED. BUT HERE'S THE KICKER...
THAT ROLEPLAYING XP CAUSED HIM TO GO UP A LEVEL!
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT THIS DWARF WENT UP A LEVEL FROM TAKING A DUMP?!
IT HAPPENED RIGHT THERE IN THE CORNER!
SO WHAT DID THE REST OF THE PARTY DO?
WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY DID?
THEY STARTED POOPING ALL OVER EVERYTHING.

NOOOO! COME BACK! PLEASE!
IS THAT THE NEW GOBLIN?
I THINK SO. THEY SAY THAT IT WALKED RIGHT INTO THE CITY AND TRIED TO EAT SOME KIDS.
DON'T LEAVE ME! OH GODS PLEASE!
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S ALREADY DELUSIONAL.
GOOD. MEANS THE CAPTAIN HASN'T BEEN GOING SOFT ON THE LITTLE BASTARD.
I'VE BEEN THINKING. YOU KNOW HOW THEY SAY THAT ONLY ONE MONSTER EVER ESCAPED THIS PLACE?
Y'MEAN THE LEGEND OF THACO THE GOBLIN? SURE.
WELL WHAT IF THE NEW GOBLIN IS THACO COMING BACK FOR REVENGE?
DON'T BE STUPID, THAT WAS SEVEN YEARS AGO. THAT GOBLIN IS LONG DEAD BY NOW.
YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE...
HEY, HOW COULD THACO HAVE ESCAPED THIS PLACE SEVEN YEARS AGO IF THE ELITES WEREN'T FORMED UNTIL AFTER THAT CLOSE CALL WITH THOSE GREYBLOOD ORCS ONE YEAR AGO?
YOU ROOKIES DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. FOR SIX YEARS, THIS PLACE WAS RUN BY JUST SARAL CAINE AND THE GOBLIN SLAYER. THEY WERE ONLY A COUPLE OF LOW LEVEL ADVENTURERS BACK THEN. Y'KNOW, BEST BUDDIES. THIS DUNGEON COULD ONLY HOLD A DOZEN MONSTERS AT A TIME AND DIDN'T HAVE ANY OF THE FINANCIAL BACKING THAT IT HAS NOW. AFTER THE CLOSE CALL WITH THOSE DAMN ORCS, GOBLIN SLAYER EXPLAINED TO THE MAYOR HOW MUCH THIS CITY NEEDED AN ARMY THAT SPECIALIZED IN WIPING OUT MONSTERS.
OH, OKAY. I GUESS THAT'S WHY THESE LOWER AREAS LOOK SO MUCH GLOOMIER THAN THE UPPER AREAS.
YUP, THE UPPER AREAS WEREN'T ADDED UNTIL RECENTLY.
ALRIGHT, YOU READY TO SEE SOMETHING COOL?
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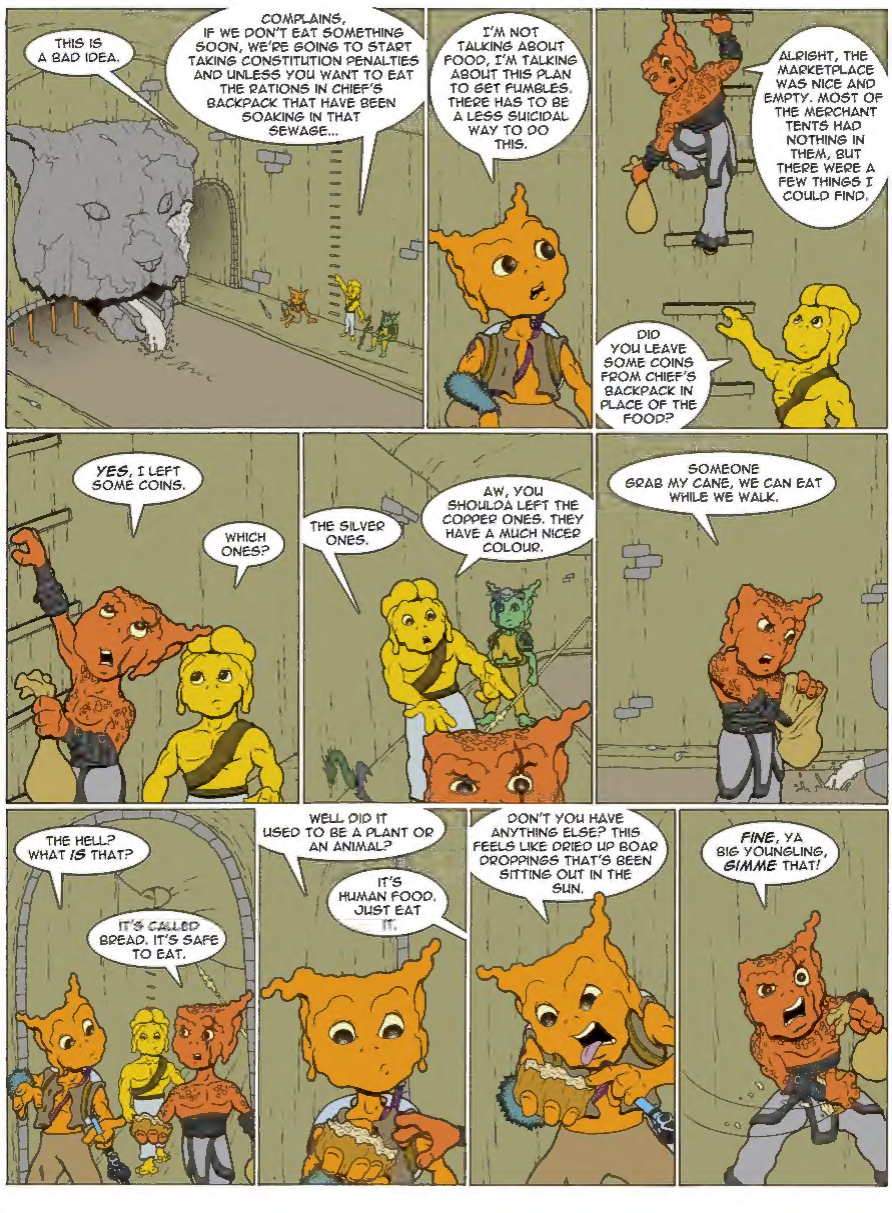
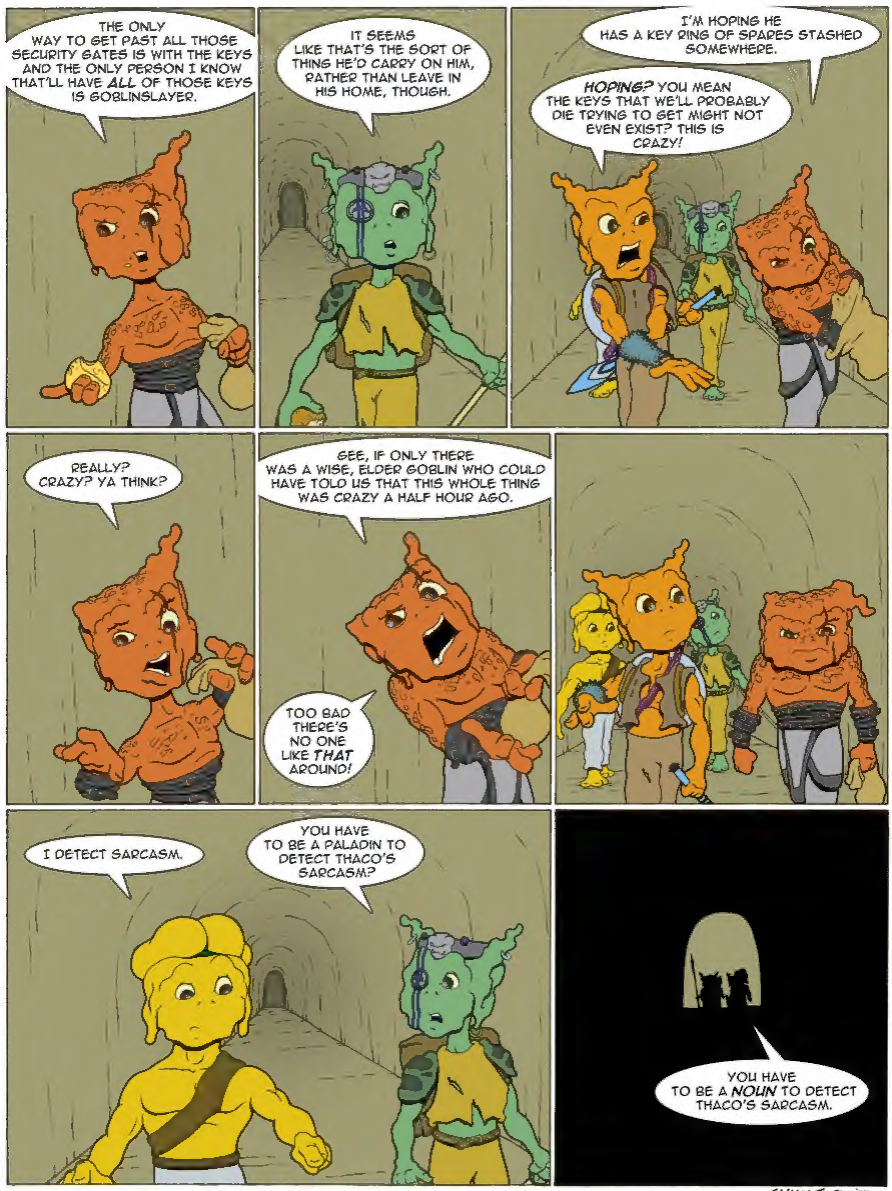

THIS IS A BAD IDEA.
COMPLAINS, IF WE DON'T EAT SOMETHING SOON, WE'RE GOING TO START TAKING CONSTITUTION PENALTIES AND UNLESS YOU WANT TO EAT THE RATIONS IN CHIEF'S BACKPACK THAT HAVE BEEN SOAKING IN THAT SEWAGE...
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT FOOD, I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS PLAN TO GET FUMBLES, THERE HAS TO BE A LESS SUICIDAL WAY TO DO THIS.
ALRIGHT, THE MARKETPLACE WAS NICE AND EMPTY. MOST OF THE MERCHANT TENTS HAD NOTHING IN THEM, BUT THERE WERE A FEW THINGS I COULD FIND.
DID YOU LEAVE SOME COINS FROM CHIEF'S BACKPACK IN PLACE OF THE FOOD?
YES, I LEFT SOME COINS.
WHICH ONES?
THE SILVER ONES.
AW, YOU SHOULDA LEFT THE COPPER ONES. THEY HAVE A MUCH NICER COLOUR.
SOMEONE GRAB MY CANE, WE CAN EAT WHILE WE WALK.
THE HELL? WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S CALLED BREAD. IT'S SAFE TO EAT.
WELL DID IT USED TO BE A PLANT OR AN ANIMAL?
IT'S HUMAN FOOD. JUST EAT IT.
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE? THIS FEELS LIKE DRIED UP BOAR DROPPINGS THAT'S BEEN SITTING OUT IN THE SUN.
FINE, YA BIG YOUNGLING, GIMME THAT!

HERE.
SNIFF
SNIFF
BLAA!
EARS, YOU BETTER DETECT EVIL ON THIS STUFF!
ARE YOU FREAKIN KIDDING ME? YOU'VE BEEN CRAWLING THROUGH SEWAGE FOR THE LAST TWO HOURS AND YOU CAN'T STAND THE SMELL OF CHEESE?!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS STUFF MADE OF?
WELL HUMANS LIVE AROUND A LOT OF COWS...
COWS?
LARGE, FLESHY BEASTS THAT EAT GRASS.
THEY SQUEEZE THE CREATURE'S MILK OUT OF BIG, DANGLING NIPPLES NEXT TO ITS GROIN. THEN THEY LET THE LACTATION GO ROTTEN UNTIL IT HARDENS AND...
...AND...
SIGH. JUST GIVE ME THE CHEESE.
SO THACO, RUN THIS PLAN BY ME AGAIN. WE'RE BREAKING INTO THE GOBLIN SLAYER'S LAIR?


THE ONLY WAY TO GET PAST ALL THOSE SECURITY GATES IS WITH THE KEYS AND THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW THAT'LL HAVE ALL OF THOSE KEYS IS GOBLINSLAYER.
IT SEEMS LIKE THAT'S THE SORT OF THING HE'D CARRY ON HIM, RATHER THAN LEAVE IN HIS HOME, THOUGH.
I'M HOPING HE HAS A KEY RING OF SPARES STASHED SOMEWHERE.
HOPING? YOU MEAN THE KEYS THAT WE'LL PROBABLY DIE TRYING TO GET MIGHT NOT EVEN EXIST? THIS IS CRAZY!
REALLY? CRAZY? YA THINK?
SEE, IF ONLY THERE WAS A WISE, ELDER GOBLIN WHO COULD HAVE TOLD US THAT THIS WHOLE THING WAS CRAZY A HALF HOUR AGO.
TOO BAD THERE'S NO ONE LIKE THAT AROUND!
I DETECT SARCASM.
YOU HAVE TO BE A PALADIN TO DETECT THACO'S SARCASM?
YOU HAVE TO BE A NOUN TO DETECT THACO'S SARCASM.
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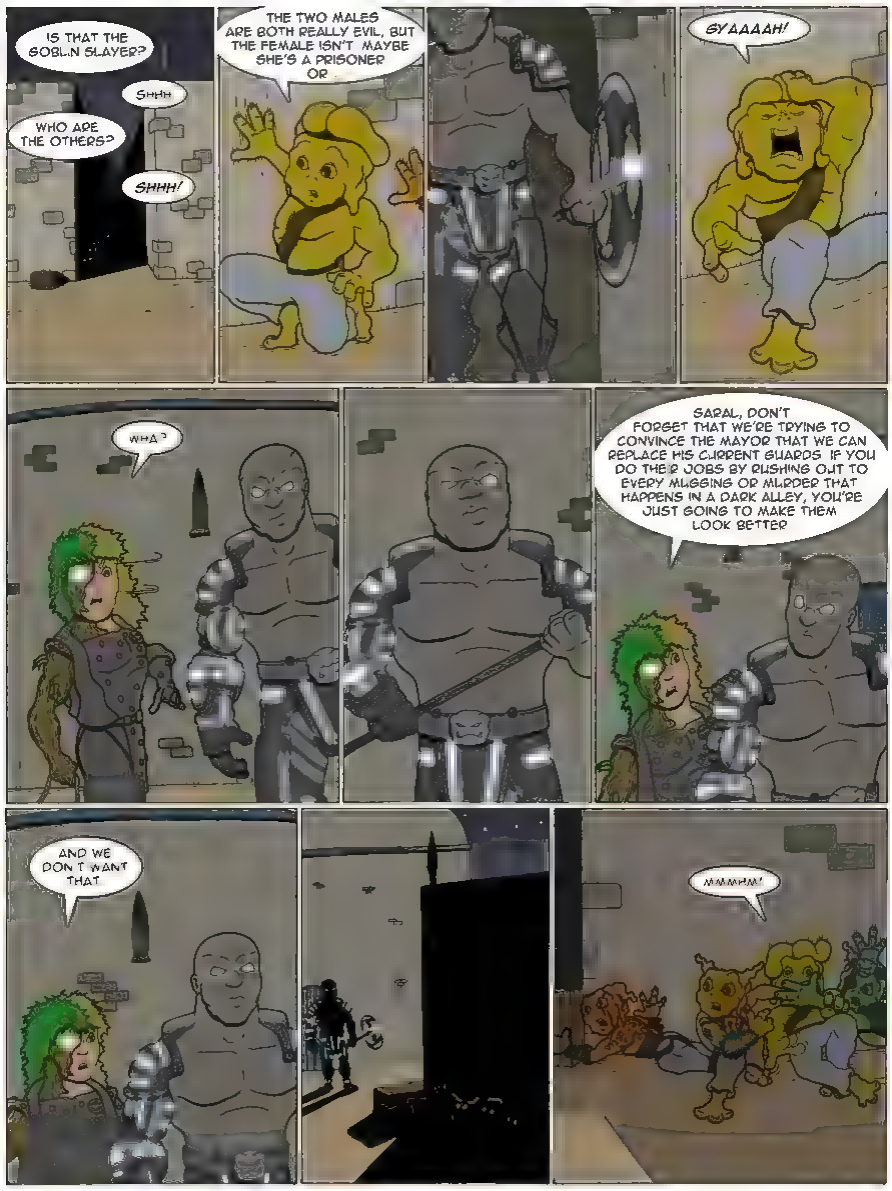
SO YOU'RE FEEDING AN OWLBEAR BIG FREAKIN
WOOO-AAAAH!
GAH!
ROOO-AAAH!
AH!
AH!
A THING OF BEAUTY AIN'T IT KID?
WOOO-AAH!
I THINK I JUST EARNED SOME ROLEPLAYING XP
I BEEN PERSONALLY TORTURING THIS THING FOR THREE MONTHS SOLID ALL IT KNOWS,UNDERSTANDS OR REMEMBERS IS PAIN AND RAGE IT FEARS NOTHING, SHOWS NO MERCY AND WILL NOT STOP KILLING UNTIL IT'S DEAD THINK ABOUT IT AN ARMY OF MONSTERS APPROACHES THE WALLS OF BRASSMOON AND WE RELEASE THIRTY OR EVEN THREE HUNDRED OF THESE THINGS ON 'EM BY THE TIME THEY KILL OFF OUR OWLBEARS, THEIR RANKS D BE SO RIPPED APART, THAT OUR ARMIES WOULD MARCH RIGHT OVER 'EM

WE HAVE THREE HUNDRED OF THESE THINGS?
NOT YET THIS IS JUST THE PROTOTYPE AS SOON AS THIS "GOBLINS IN THE SEWERS" BUSINESS IS TAKEN CARE OF, I'M GONNA SHOW MY WORK TO THE CAPTAIN AND SEE WHAT HE THINKS. I'M DEFINITELY GETTING A PROMOTION OVER THIS
WHAT'S ITS CHALLENGE RATING?
OWLBEARS ARE NORMALLY A CHALLENGE RATING OF 4
I FIGURE THIS ONE TO BE ABOUT A 6
WOW
YEAH I HAVE PERSONIFIED SUFFERING AND GIVEN IT CLAWS.
I HAVE CREATED WOUNDED ART AN UNCOMPROMISING WEAPON THAT, IN A FIT OF GRACEFUL AGONY, WILL REND AND TEAR UNTIL THERE IS NOTHING LEFT THIS CREATURE IS DEATH
I CALL HIM FLUFFLES

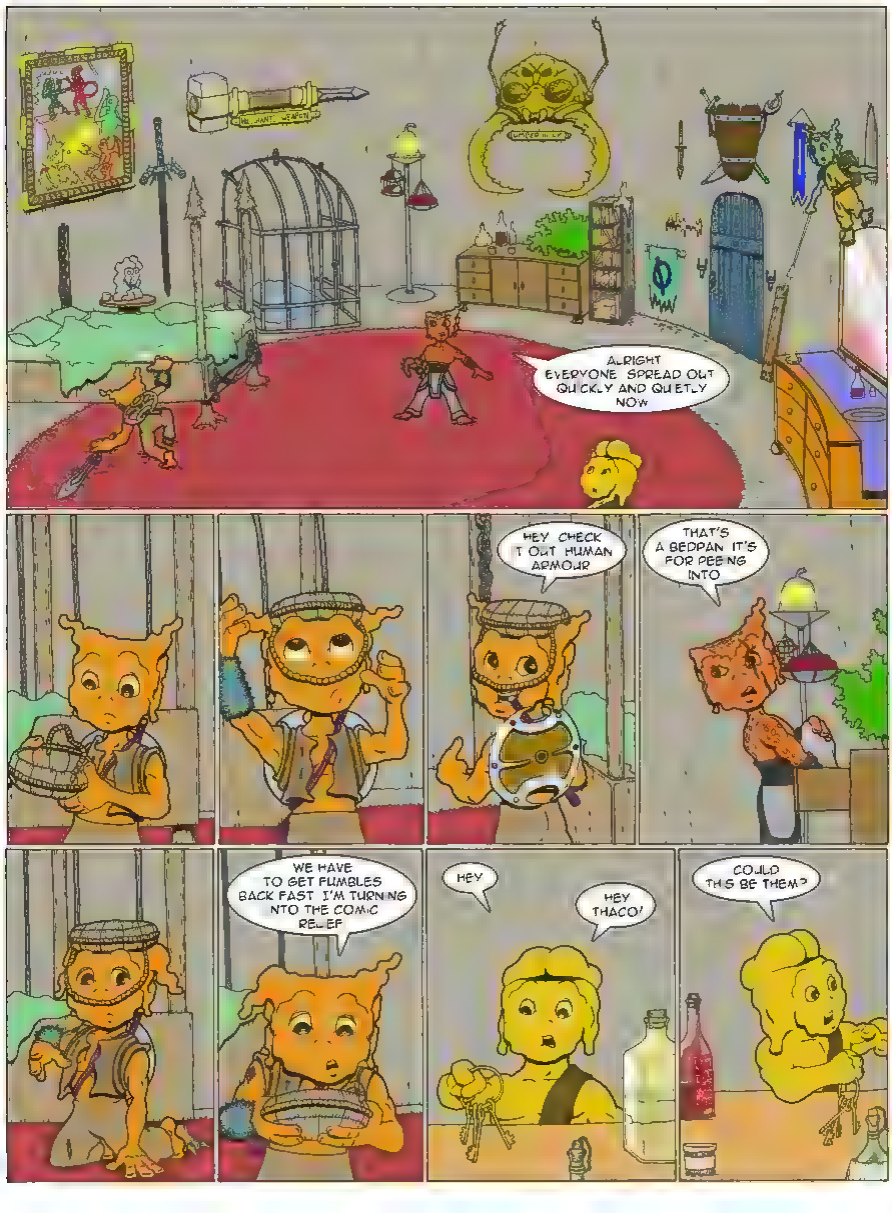
YOU GOT IT?
I GOT IT, I JUST DON'T KNOW WHY WE NEED IT.
WHEN I GIVE THE WORD, WE'RE GOING TO DART ACROSS THE ROAD AND USE THIS TO CLIMB UP TO THAT WINDOW.
THACO, HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW THAT THIS IS THE LAIR OF THE GOBLIN SLAYER?
HAWL USED TO TELL ME ABOUT WHEN THE GOBLIN SLAYER BECAME A CAPTAIN HE HAD THE HEAD SHERIFF EXECUTED AND THEN TOOK HIS HOME. HAWL TAUGHT ME ALL ABOUT THE ELITES
HOW WOULD HAWL KNOW ABOUT THIS STUFF? I THOUGHT HE JUST SCAVENGED CRAP FROM THE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY?
HAWL KNOWS A LOT MORE ABOUT THE ELITE GUARDS THAN YOU THINK. HE WAS THE ONE WHO SINGLE-HANDEDLY STOPPED THE WAR BETWEEN BRASSMOON AND THE ORCS OF GREYBLOOD
SAY WHAT?
WE... HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE GOBLIN SLAYER ISN'T AT HOME RIGHT NOW?
TRUST ME BY NOW, IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE GOBLINS RUNNING AROUND THE SEWERS. GOBLINSLAYER IS THE BUSIEST MAN IN THE CITY RIGHT NOW. THE LAST THING HE'LL BE DOING IS HANGING OUT AT HIS HOME
CLICK
YOU WANNA HURRY IT UP?
WILL YOU RELAX DELYN? LET ME JUST GRAB MY AXE


IS THAT THE GOBLIN SLAYER?
SHHH
WHO ARE THE OTHERS?
SHHH!
THE TWO MALES ARE BOTH REALLY EVIL, BUT THE FEMALE ISN'T MAYBE SHE'S A PRISONER OR
GYAAAAH!
WHA?
SARAL, DON'T FORGET THAT WE'RE TRYING TO CONVINCE THE MAYOR THAT WE CAN REPLACE HIS CURRENT GUARDS IF YOU DO THEIR JOBS BY RUSHING OUT TO EVERY MUGGING OR MURDER THAT HAPPENS IN A DARK ALLEY, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO MAKE THEM LOOK BETTER
AND WE DON'T WANT THAT
MMMMM!

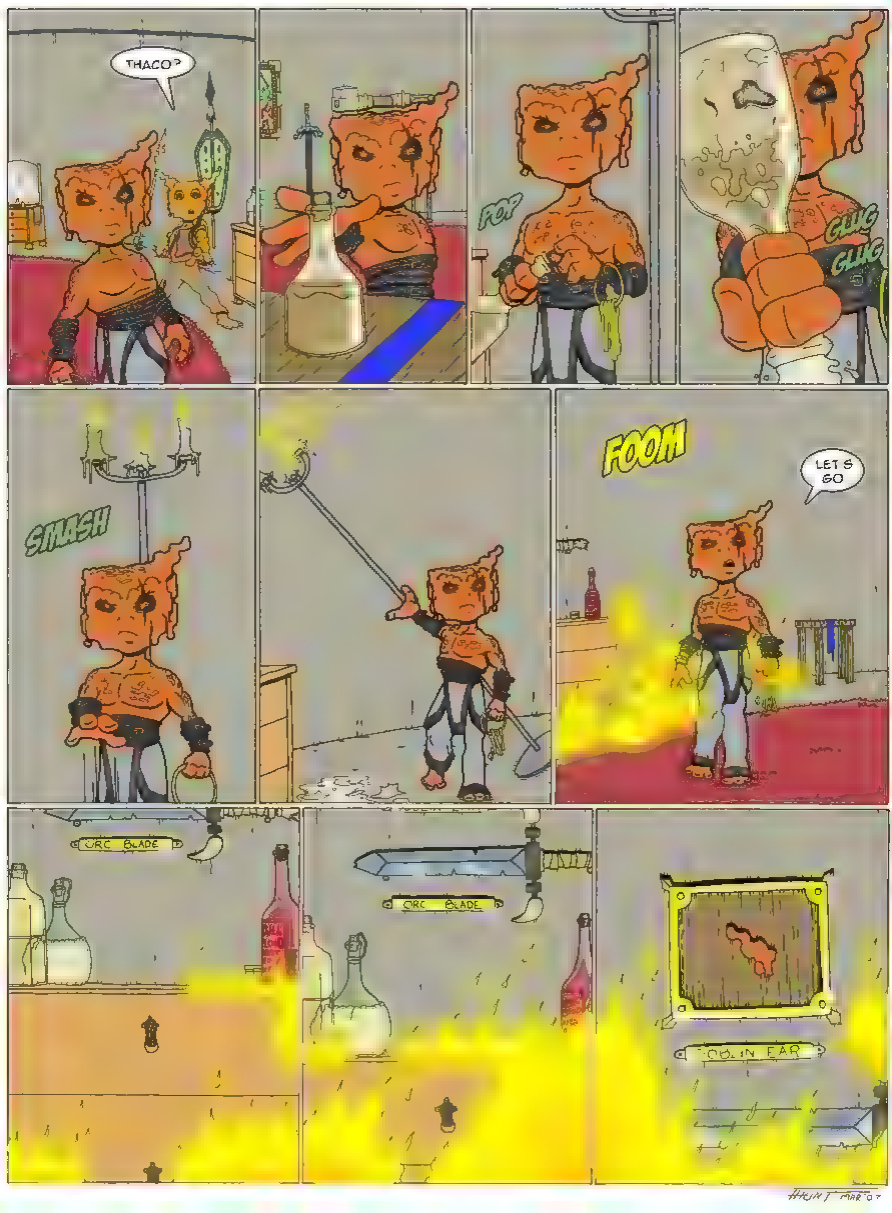
OKAY THEY'RE LEAVING
NOW WHAT THE *HELL* WAS THAT ABOUT?
EVIL SO MUCH EVIL N THAT AXE *TOO* MUCH
CAN'T YOU TURN OFF YOUR 'DETECT EVIL' IF YOU WANT?
NORMALLY YES, BUT THIS WAS
DIFFERENT
WELL ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY, OR DO YOU NEED TO ANGST IT UP SOME MORE?
NO, (SNIFF) I'M GOOD
ALRIGHT, ONCE THACO AND I HAVE THIS WOOD SET UP, YOU TWO RUN ACROSS HOPEFULLY WE CAN DO THIS WITHOUT BEING SEEN
THACO, YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THE FRONT? I'VE GOT A HIGHER STRENGTH SO
YOU JUST WORRY ABOUT YOUR END YOUNGLING I'M FINE

ALRIGHT, THEY'RE WAVING US OVER DO YOU HAVE EVERYTHING?
YUP
OKAY THEN, ON THE COUNT OF THREE
ONE
T
WAIT
DO YOU WANNA GO AROUND THE SOUTH TOWER?
NAW, THAT'LL TAKE TOO DAMN LONG LET'S JUST CUT THROUGH THE ALLEYWAY HERE
YEAH OKAY
THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY WE HAVE TO GET BACK IN THE SEWER
I ALREADY CLOSED THE GRATE IF WE OPEN IT NOW THEY'LL HEAR US
AW DAMMIT!
WELL THAT WAS SMART
TA-TING TING
CAN YOU SEE THEM ALL?
NO, IT'S TOO DAMN DARK!
NOW WE HAVE TO GO NOW

HERE'S A COIN OVER HERE
THAT'S NOT A COIN
WELL WHAT IS IT?
THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE.
EW!
IS THAT ALL OF THEM?
AH, THERE ARE ONE OR TWO MORE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE, BUT THEY'RE JUST COPPER PIECES
LET'S JUST FORGET THE DAMN THINGS AND GO
HEY! STOP RIGHT THERE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THESE STREETS ARE NO PLACE TO BE AT NIGHT?
ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THERE ARE DAMN GOBLINS RUNNING AROUND!
NOW GO ON, GET HOME!
DAMN KIDS


ALRIGHT EVERYONE SPREAD OUT QUICKLY AND QUIETLY NOW
HEY CHECK T OUT HUMAN ARMOUR
THAT'S A BEDPAN IT'S FOR PEEING INTO
WE HAVE TO GET FUMBLES BACK FAST I'M TURNING INTO THE COMIC RELIEF
HEY
HEY THACO!
COULD THIS BE THEM?

HOLY HELL
THIS COULD BE THEM. I MEAN, WE CAN'T KNOW FOR SURE UNTIL WE REACH THE SECURITY GATES BUT... THIS COULD BE THEM!
WELL THEN I SAY THAT WE GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE BEFORE SOMEONE COMES BACK
RIGHT
SO WE'LL GET BACK INTO THE SEWERS, GO TO THE DUNGEONS AND TRY TO FIGURE THINGS OUT FROM THERE
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE ACTUALLY FOUND
THACO, YOU COMING OR WHAT?
THACO?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
OH GODS
IS THAT...?
YES


THACO?
POP
GLUG
GLUG
SMASH
FOOM
LET'S GO
ORC BLADE
ORC BLADE
GOBLIN EAR

NRAAA!
SCHUNK
HOW'S THE BATTLE GOING?
I'LL BE OVER SOON. LOOKS LIKE THE VIPER CLAN ARE WINNING
.WHICH IS GOOD. IF THOSE CHORGRAKS WERE TO WIN, THEY'D SLAUGHTER US FOR SURE.
RAA! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
THERE IS BATTLE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW ALL AROUND ME AND I'M STUCK IN THIS PATHETIC HUT LIKE SOME
HUT
STUCKY
THING!
IF THEY'D JUST SET ME LOOSE, I'D BE RIPPING THROUGH THOSE CHORGRAK AND GNAWING ON THEIR SKULLS!
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YOU'D BE JUST AS LIKELY TO TURN THOSE CLAWS ON THE VIPERS
DAMN STRAIGHT
CHOFA
CHOFA
WHAT WAS THAT?
FEELS LIKE SOMETHING IS HITTING THE HUT
HEY! STOP!
WE'RE NOT WARRIORS IN HERE! WE'RE PRISONERS!
NO!
CHOFA
HAVA, WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M LOOKING, BUT I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING FROM THIS ANGLE. TRY LOOKING THROUGH A WATER HOLE
CHOFA
CHOFA
OH
NO! STOP! WE'RE NOT VIPER CLANSMEN HERE!
CHOFA

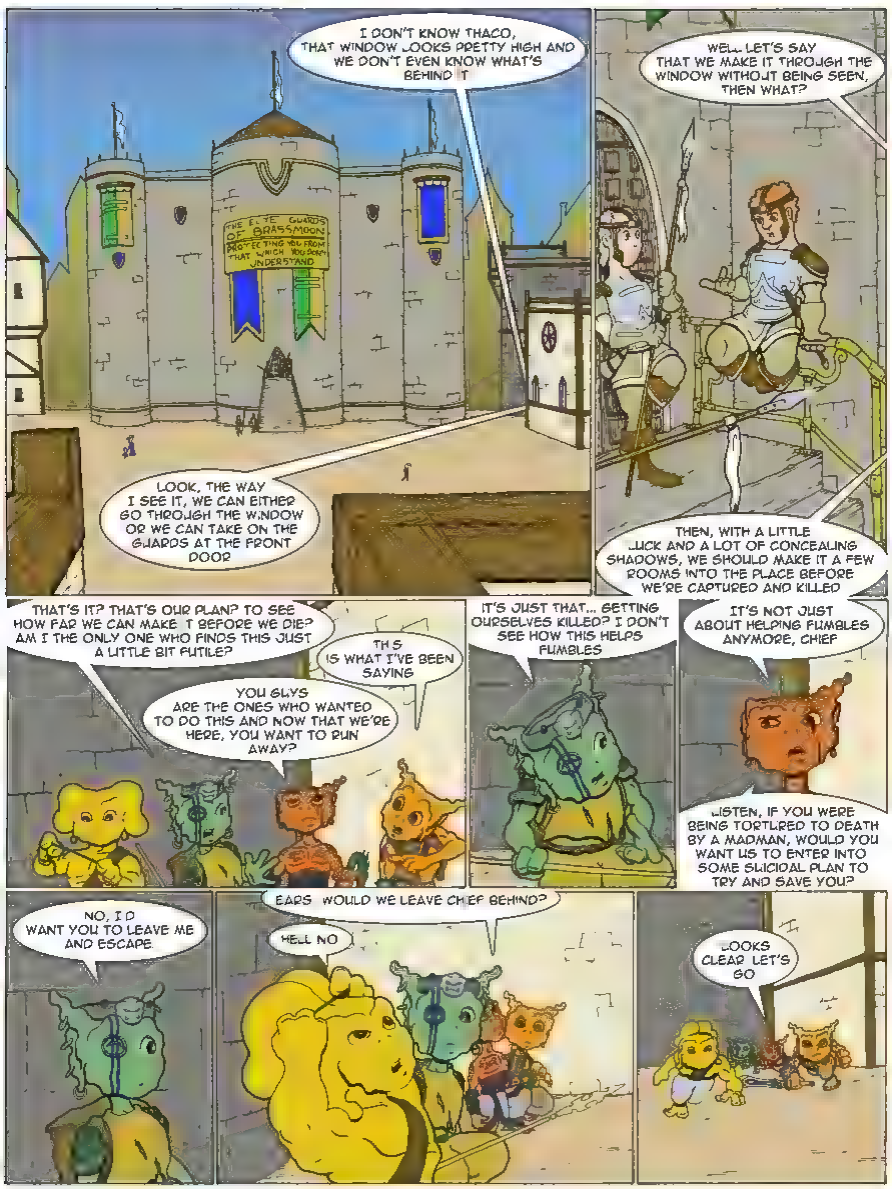
BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! WHY ATTACK A PRISONER HUT IN THE MIDST OF A BATTLE?!
IT'S THE CHORDRAK WAY OF WAR. "DESTROY ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN YOUR PATH, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS"
THAT'S A LOAD OF MEATLESS BONES! I'VE FOUGHT HOBGOBLINS BEFORE AND IF THERE'S ONE THING THEY KNOW HOW TO DO, IT'S USE STRATEGY IN AN ATTACK. THE LITTLE BASTARDS ARE ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF YA!
CHOP!
NOT THE CHORDRAK CLAN THEY'RE ABOUT AS DUMB AS YOU CAN GET, BUT THEY'RE STRONG AND FEARLESS
HELP US! VIPERS, HELP!
THE HOBGOBLINS ARE ATTACKING US!
WELL IN A MINUTE OR TWO, THIS HUT IS GOING TO FALL OFF THE MOUNTAIN AND WE'LL BE CRUSHED!
CHOP!
CHO
ARRRRRRR!
NNNNN!
WELL SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING! I'M NOT GONNA DIE WITH A BUNCH OF FOOD LIKE YOU!
SH-CHING
CHOP!
CHOP!
CHOP!
DIES HORRIBLY, HOW LONG CAN YOU MAKE THOSE GREEN KNIVES?

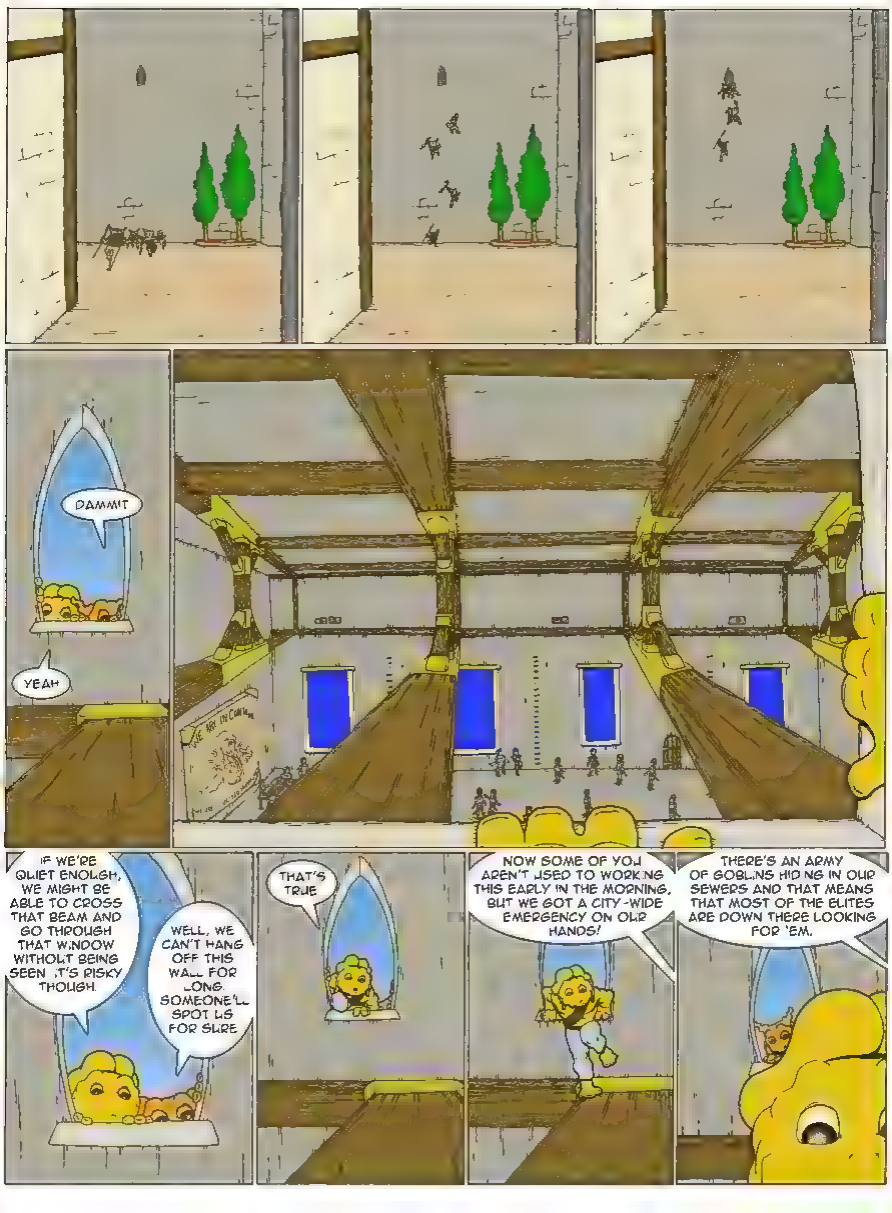
WHAT?
CHOPA
I, I DON'T UM.
CHOPA
LISTEN TO ME
DO YOU THINK THAT YOU COULD EXTEND YOUR KNIVES UNTIL THEY REACH THOSE TWO HOBGOBLINS?
OH
CHOPA
CHO
OH NONONONO. I DON'T DO STUFF LIKE THAT. BESIDES, I CAN'T CONTROL THE HAND. NOT LIKE THAT
CRACK-A-THUMP
AAH!
AH!
SH-CHING
AAAH!
DIES, WE'RE GOING TO DIE HERE EVEN IF YOU CAN'T REACH THEM. MAYBE YOU CAN DISTRACT THEM OR SOMETHING
PLEASE
CHOPA CHOPA
THUNT ANR 07

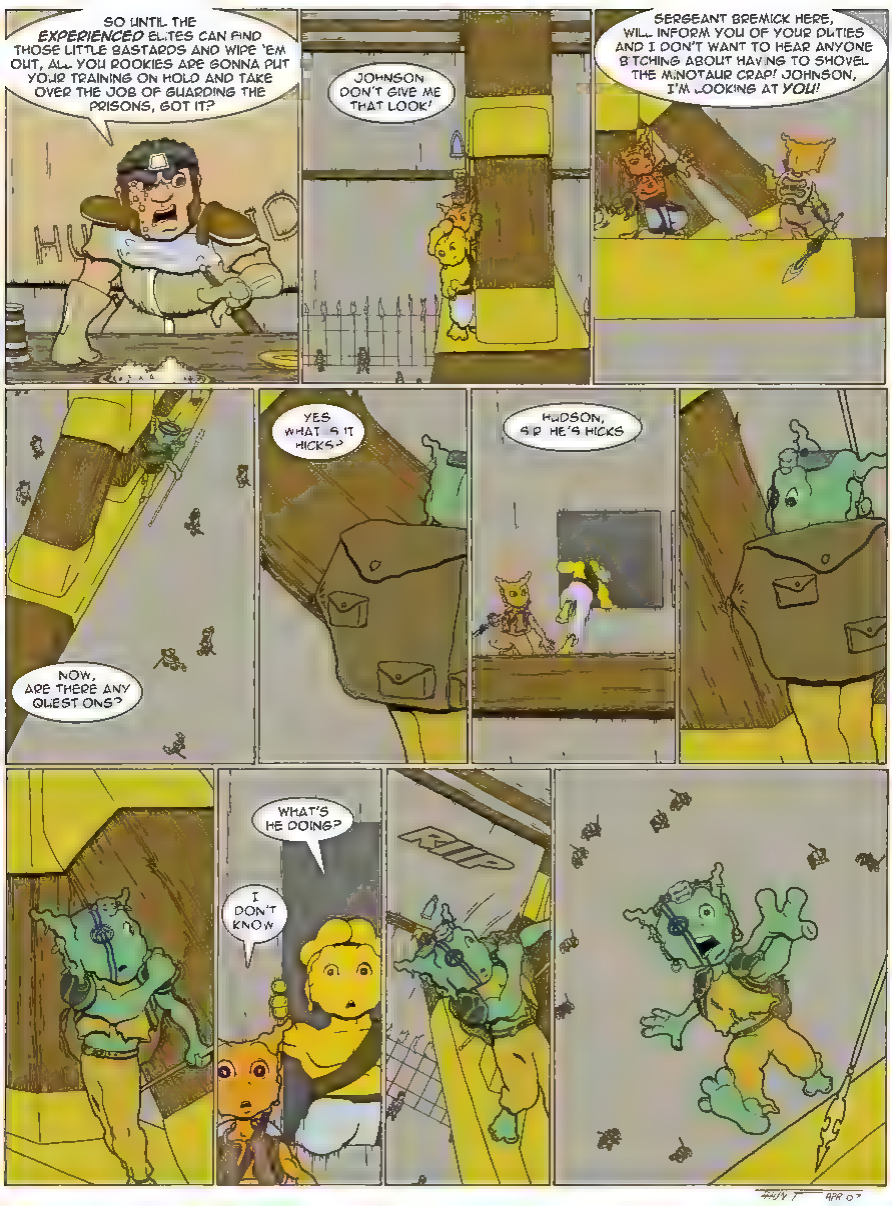
I
I CAN'T DO IT
I'M SORRY WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO COME UP WITH A DIFFERENT PLAN
DO IT NOW OR WE'LL BREAK YOUR LEGS AND FEED YOU TO K'SELISS!
AAH!
SH-CHING
TRULL?

AAAH!
AH!
SHINK
SH-CHING
YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE, HAVA!
CREEEEEEEEEEEE
NOW YOU ALL BE CRUSHES!

HELLO LITTLE MEAL
GRAAH!
WHAT
RRRREEEEEEEEEEEE
AAAH! AAAAHA!
SNAP
RIPP
NAAAA!
NAAHAA!
CRACK
SNAP
REEEEEEEEEE
CRA-BUMP
RRRRRRRRRRRRUUUUUUUUUUUUUUMMMMMMMMBBBLLLLEEE
SH-CHING


I DON'T KNOW THACO, THAT WINDOW LOOKS PRETTY HIGH AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S BEHIND IT
THE ELITE GUARDS OF BRASSMOON PROTECTING YOU FROM THAT WHICH YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
LOOK, THE WAY I SEE IT, WE CAN EITHER GO THROUGH THE WINDOW OR WE CAN TAKE ON THE GUARDS AT THE FRONT DOOR
WELL LET'S SAY THAT WE MAKE IT THROUGH THE WINDOW WITHOUT BEING SEEN, THEN WHAT?
THEN, WITH A LITTLE LUCK AND A LOT OF CONCEALING SHADOWS, WE SHOULD MAKE IT A FEW ROOMS INTO THE PLACE BEFORE WE'RE CAPTURED AND KILLED
THAT'S IT? THAT'S OUR PLAN? TO SEE HOW FAR WE CAN MAKE IT BEFORE WE DIE? AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO FINDS THIS JUST A LITTLE BIT FUTILE?
THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING
YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES WHO WANTED TO DO THIS AND NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, YOU WANT TO RUN AWAY?
IT'S JUST THAT... GETTING OURSELVES KILLED? I DON'T SEE HOW THIS HELPS FUMBLES
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HELPING FUMBLES ANYMORE, CHIEF
LISTEN, IF YOU WERE BEING TORTURED TO DEATH BY A MADMAN, WOULD YOU WANT US TO ENTER INTO SOME SUICIDAL PLAN TO TRY AND SAVE YOU?
NO, I'D WANT YOU TO LEAVE ME AND ESCAPE
EARS WOULD WE LEAVE CHIEF BEHIND?
HELL NO
LOOKS CLEAR LET'S GO


DAMMIT
YEAH
IF WE'RE QUIET ENOUGH, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CROSS THAT BEAM AND GO THROUGH THAT WINDOW WITHOUT BEING SEEN. IT'S RISKY THOUGH.
WELL, WE CAN'T HANG OFF THIS WALL FOR LONG. SOMEONE'LL SPOT US FOR SURE.
THAT'S TRUE
NOW SOME OF YOU AREN'T USED TO WORKING THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING, BUT WE GOT A CITY-WIDE EMERGENCY ON OUR HANDS!
THERE'S AN ARMY OF GOBLINS HIDING IN OUR SEWERS AND THAT MEANS THAT MOST OF THE ELITES ARE DOWN THERE LOOKING FOR 'EM.

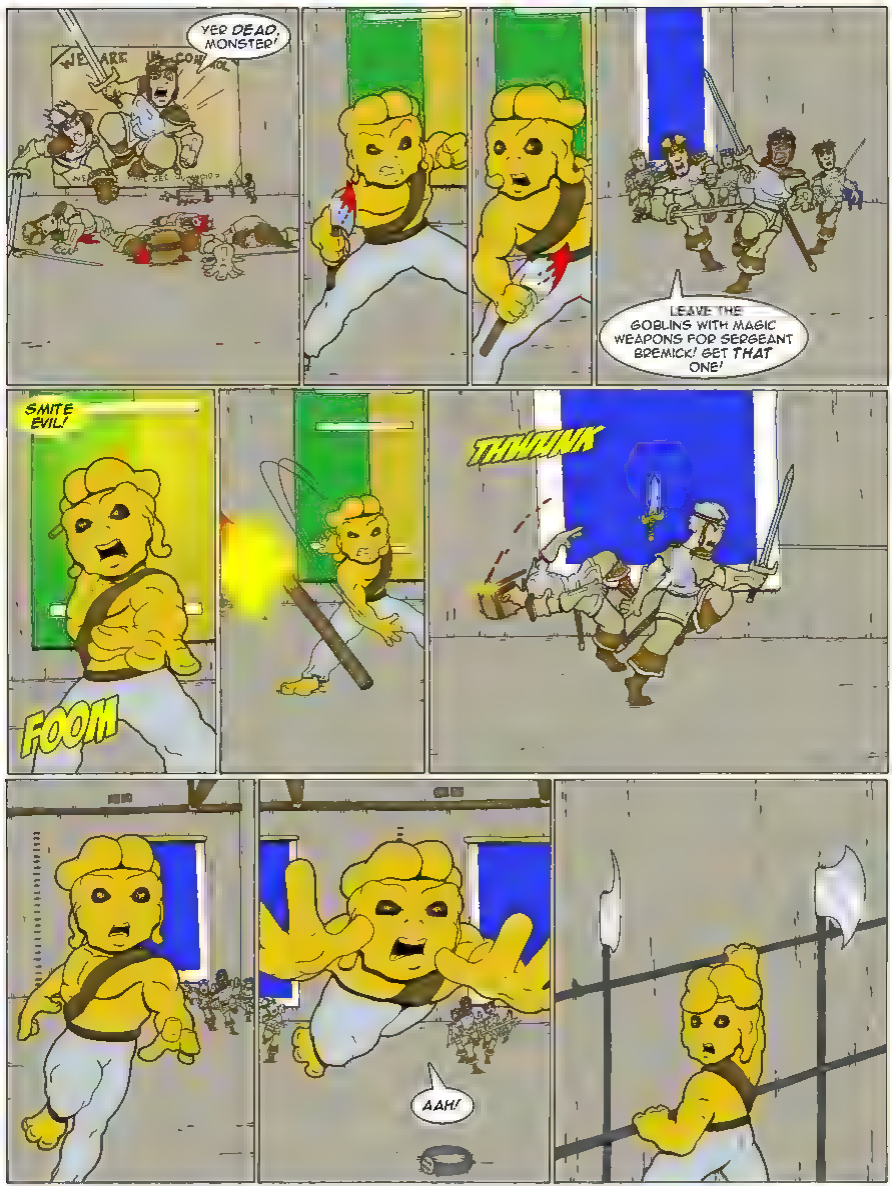

SO UNTIL THE EXPERIENCED ELITES CAN FIND THOSE LITTLE BASTARDS AND WIPE 'EM OUT, ALL YOU ROOKIES ARE GONNA PUT YOUR TRAINING ON HOLD AND TAKE OVER THE JOB OF GUARDING THE PRISONS, GOT IT?
JOHNSON DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK!
SERGEANT BREMICK HERE, WILL INFORM YOU OF YOUR DUTIES AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYONE BITCHING ABOUT HAVING TO SHOVEL THE MINOTAUR CRAP! JOHNSON, I'M LOOKING AT YOU!
NOW, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?
YES WHAT IS IT HICKS?
HUDSON, SIR HE'S HICKS
WHAT'S HE DOING?
I DON'T KNOW

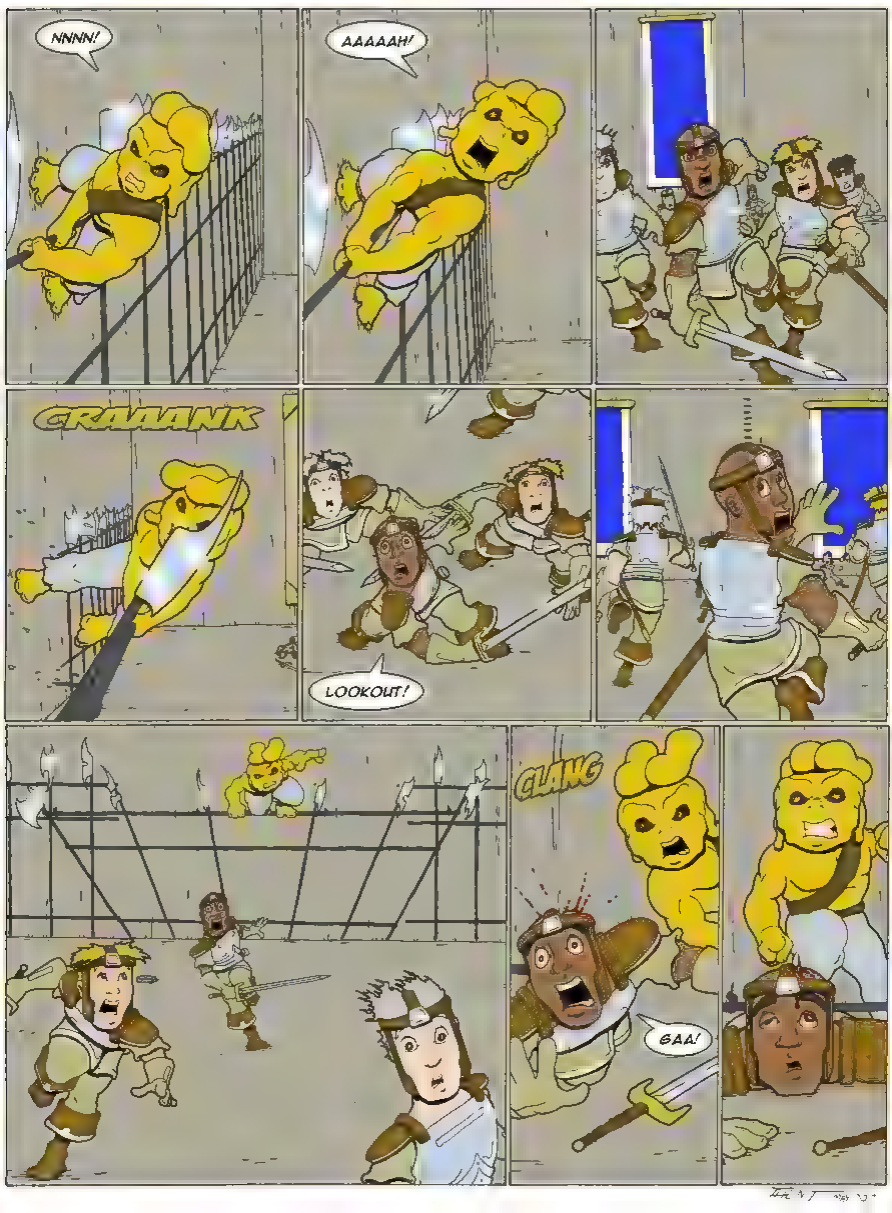
WHAP
CRAK
CRAK
CRAK
CRAK
FOOM
WELL DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU MORONS! KILL THEM!
FWUP
FWIP

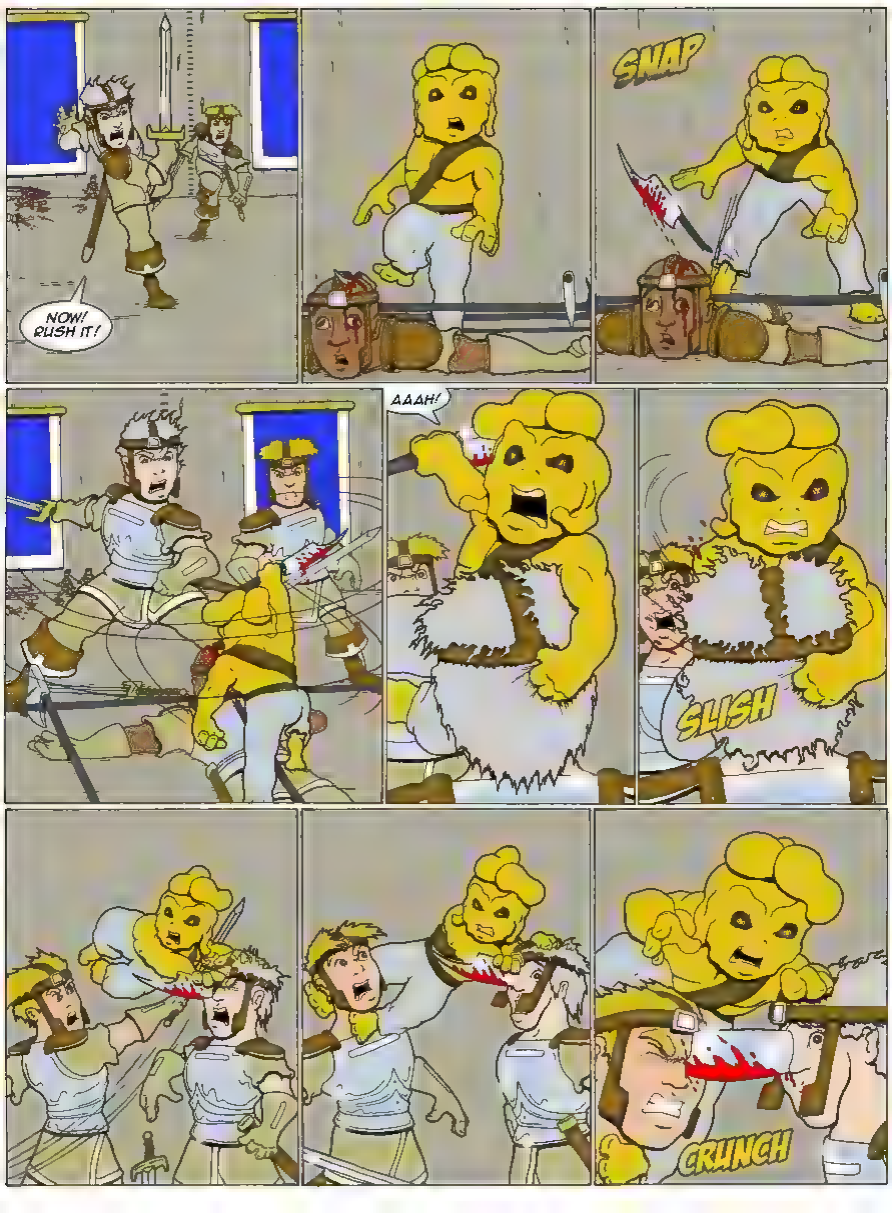
FAUUMP
THUD
CLUNK
HOLY GODS!
I'VE HEARD OF YOU!
CLANG
THAT'S THACO THE GOBLIN' KILL HIM AND YOU'LL BE A LEGEND!
GASP
THTPPTHTPP
CLANG
CLONK
GHAAAH!

CLANG
AAW!
GET THAT YELLOW ONE!

THUNK
WE AR
THU-THUNK
THUNK
WE ARE GETTING CONTR
-2
-7
-9
HUFF
RAAA!
CA-CLANG
CLANG
THWA-CLANG

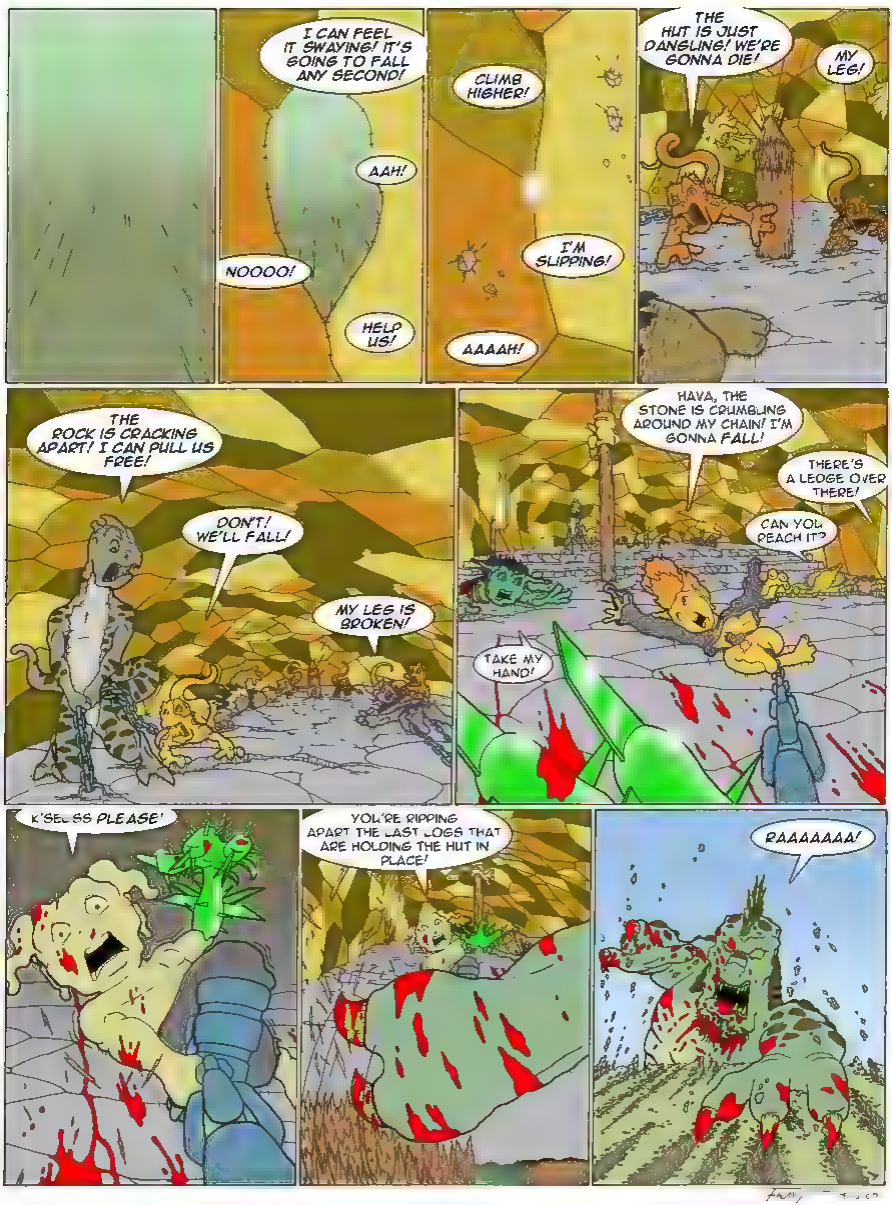

YER DEAD, MONSTER!
LEAVE THE GOBLINS WITH MAGIC WEAPONS FOR SERGEANT BREMICK! GET THAT ONE!
SMITE EVIL!
FOOM
THWUNK
AAH!


NNNN!
AAAAAH!
CRAAAANK
LOOKOUT!
CLANG
GAA!

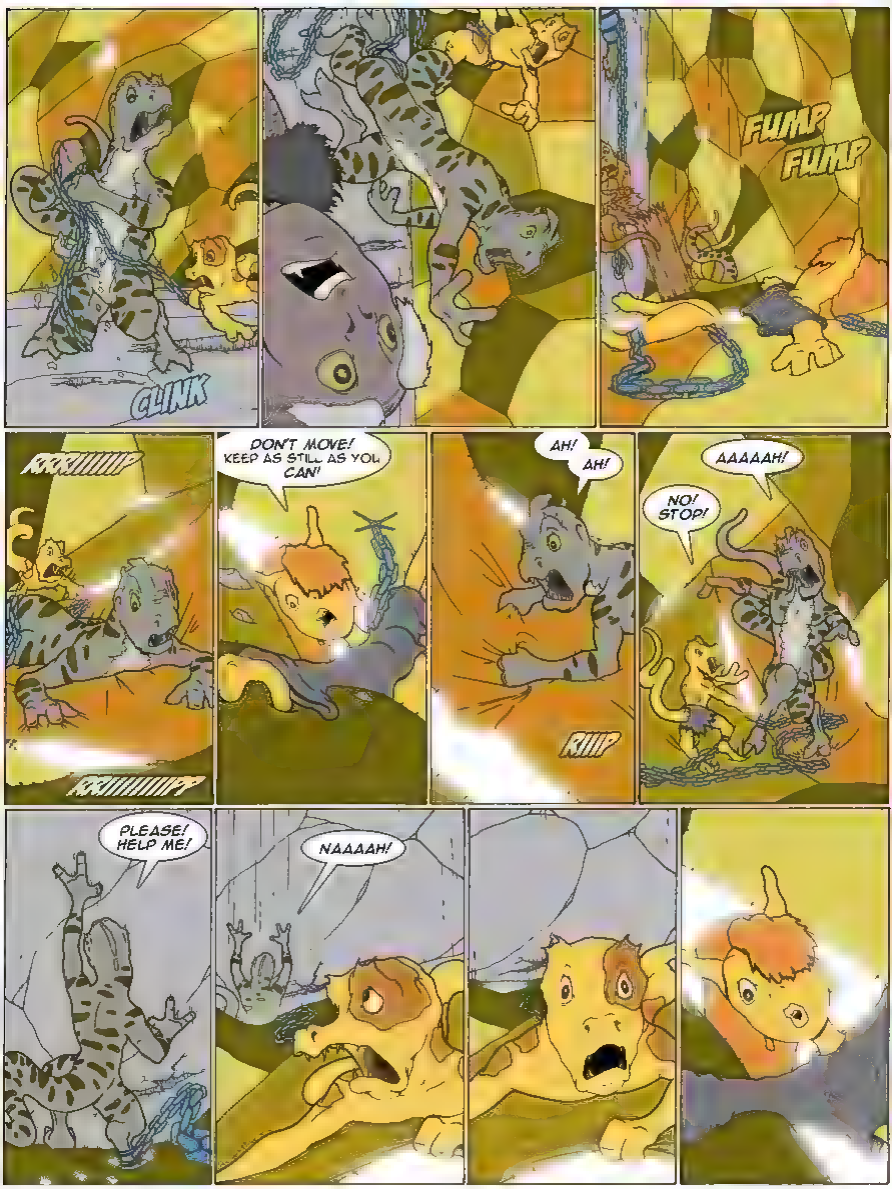

NOW! RUSH IT!
SNAP
AAAH!
SLISH
CRUNCH

SCREW THIS I'M GOING FOR HELP
YEAH, ME TOO
THUNK
THUNK
CRATHUNK
GAH!
UH!
SERGEANT BREMICK! HELP M...
GUH!
SCRUNCH
CRACK
NICE +1 SWORD
CLICK
CA-CLICK
MINE'S BIGGER

BLOOP
CLICK
BLOOP
BLOOP
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK


I CAN FEEL IT SWAYING! IT'S GOING TO FALL ANY SECOND!
AAH!
NOOOO!
HELP US!
CLIMB HIGHER!
I'M SLIPPING!
AAAAH!
THE HUT IS JUST DANGLING! WE'RE GONNA DIE!
MY LEG!
THE ROCK IS CRACKING APART! I CAN PULL US FREE!
DON'T! WE'LL FALL!
MY LEG IS BROKEN!
HAVA, THE STONE IS CRUMBLING AROUND MY CHAIN! I'M GONNA FALL!
THERE'S A LEDGE OVER THERE!
CAN YOU REACH IT?
TAKE MY HAND!
K'SELGS PLEASE!
YOU'RE RIPPING APART THE LAST LOGS THAT ARE HOLDING THE HUT IN PLACE!
RAAAAAAA!

CLINK
FOOMP
MMMNN
RRRIIP
RRRRIIIIIP
OH NO


CLINK
FUMP
FUMP
RRRRRRRRP
RRRRRRRRP
DON'T MOVE! KEEP AS STILL AS YOU CAN!
AH!
AH!
RIIIP
AAAAAH!
NO! STOP!
PLEASE! HELP ME!
NAAAAH!

DIES, FOX IS GOING TO FALL! USE YOUR HAND TO GRAB HER!
I CAN'T! THE HAND ONLY MAKES SHARP BLADES!
RRRRRRRRRRRR
AAH!
SH-CHING
NYAAA!
HAUNT JUL '07

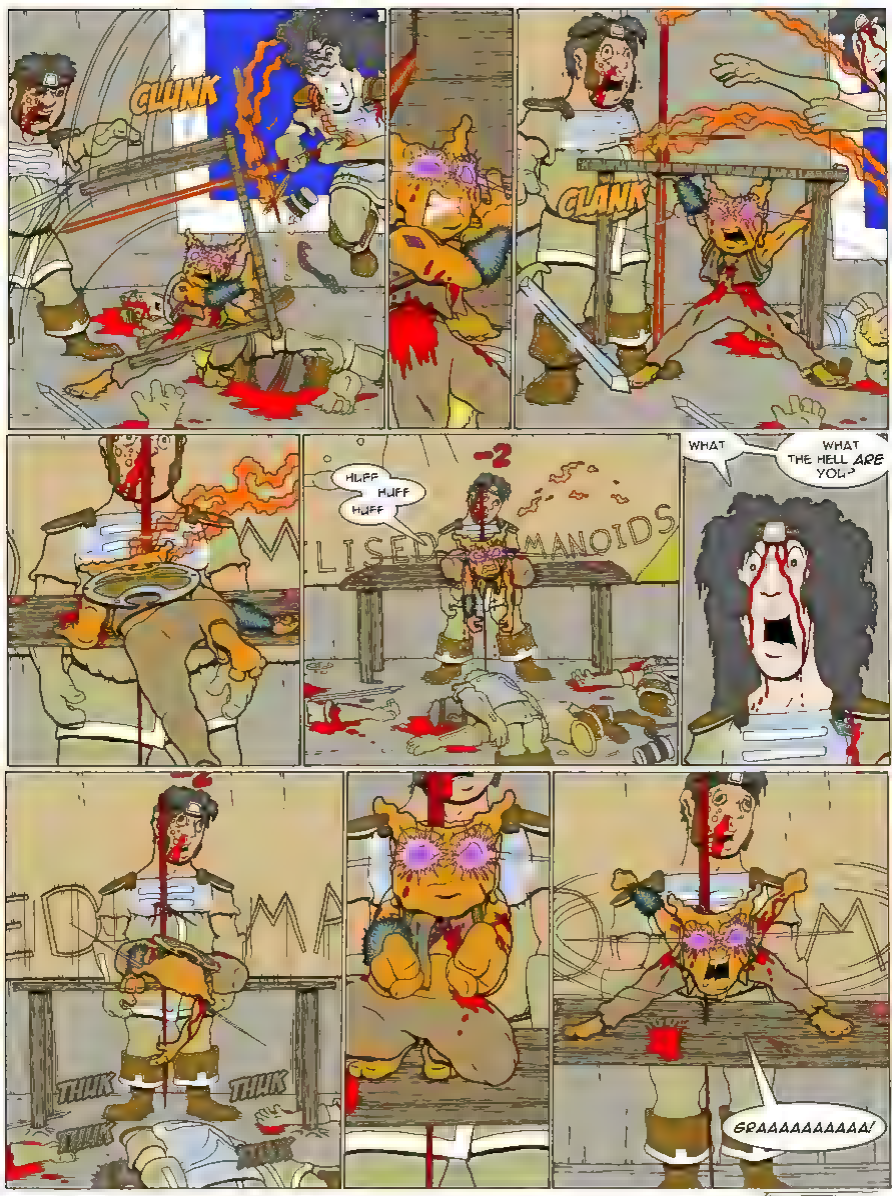
HUFF
HUFF
WE
CRACK
CRACK
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRAAAAAAA!
WE ARE IN CONTROL
CLANG
AAAH!
SCRAMPF
THUMP

RAAAH!
GU-GLAWG
SAH!
SCHHHHGGG
GU-GLUCK

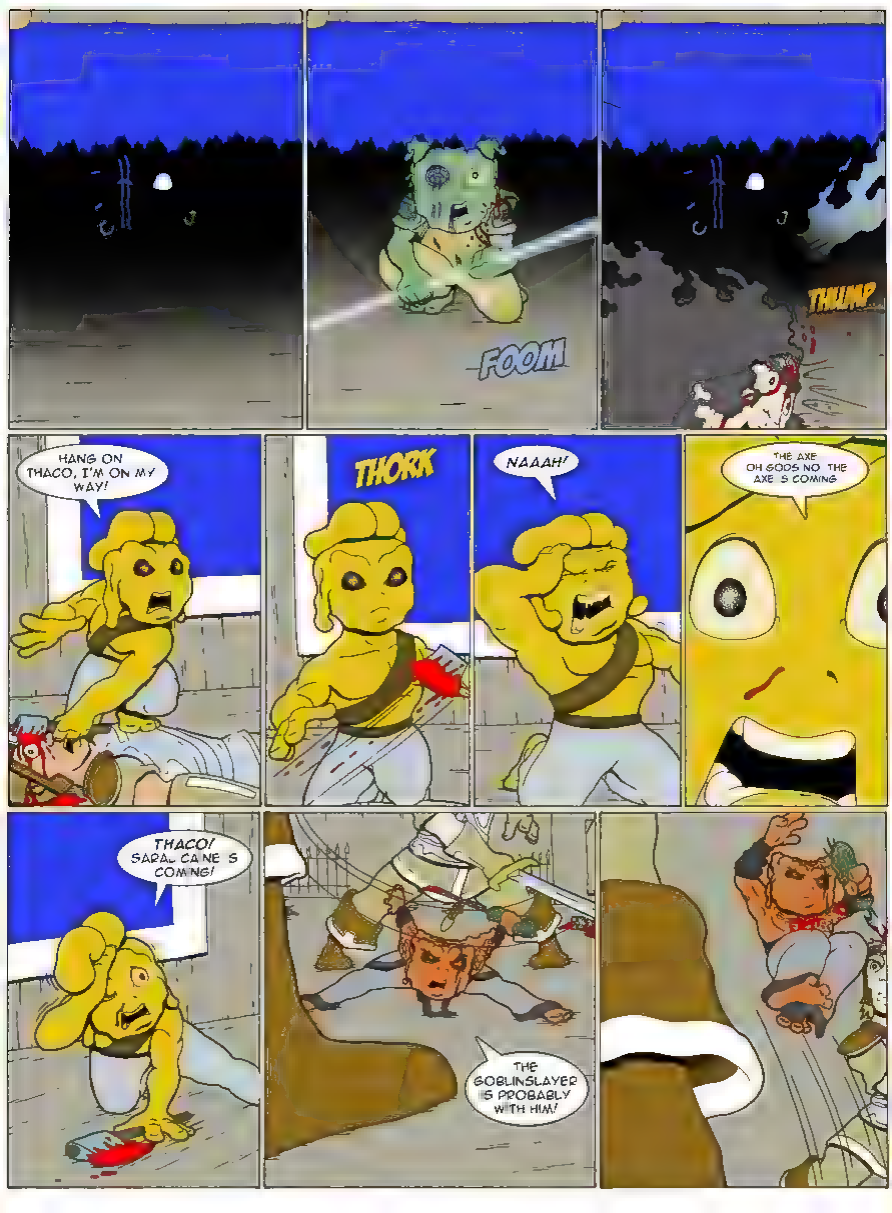
I KNOW ALL YOUR MOVES, GOBLIN. WATCHING YOU FIGHT HAS GIVEN ME A GREAT CIRCUMSTANCE BONUS AGAINST YOU
HERE'S A MOVE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN
SHING
HUH?
GRAAAA!
NYUH!
SHUNK
AAHG!
GRAAAAAA!
AAAH!
AA!

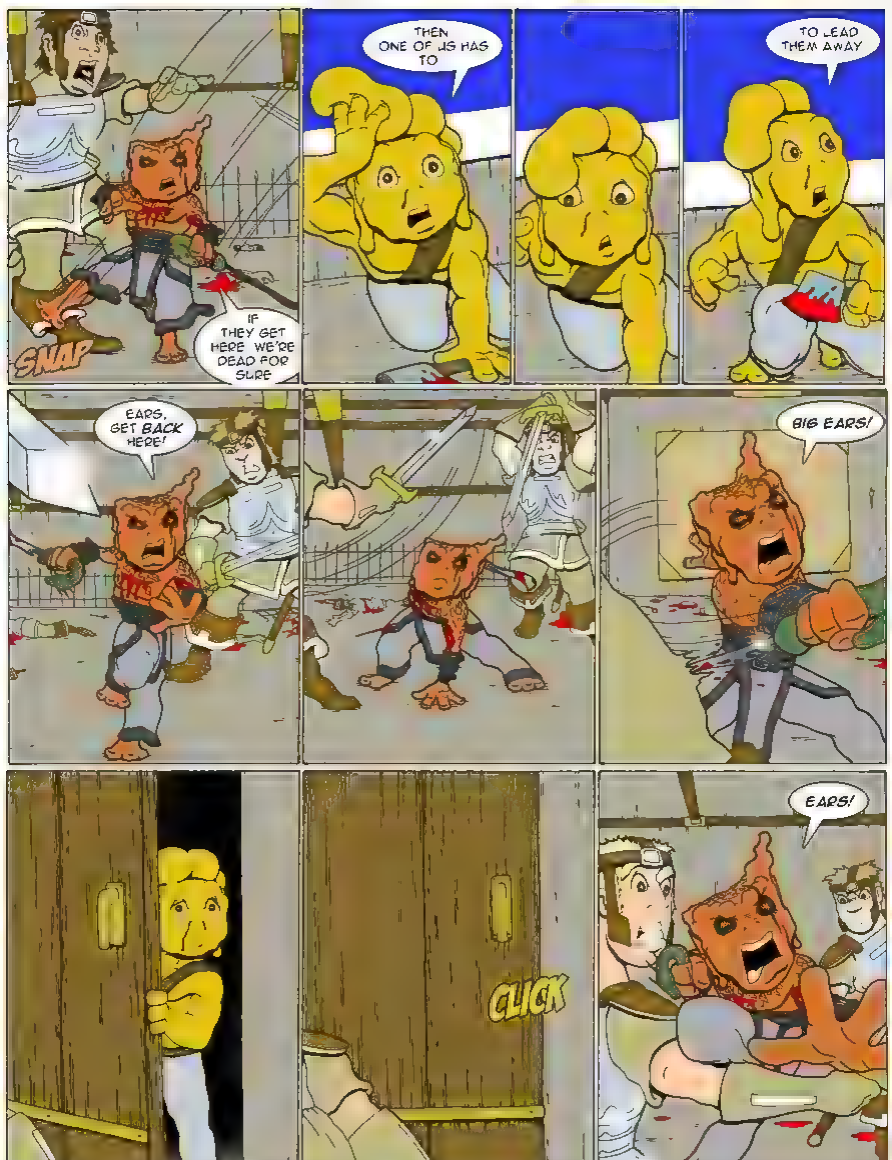
THUMP
SERGEANT MARWOOD! HELP ME!
FOR GODSAKE HELP M...
THUMP
SERGEANT MARWOOD!
UH
WHA?
NNN!
ANYONE!
SOMEONE GET IT OFF ME!
UH!
SHUNK

AAAH!
AAAH!
UH!
NOW I GOT YOU, GOBLIN!
NOW YOU'RE DEAD!


CLUNK
CLANK
HUFF HUFF HUFF
-2
WHAT
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
GRAAAAAAAAAA!

SERGEANT BREMICK! WE'RE GETTING WIPED OUT! WE HAVE TO
GAH!
GRAAAAA!
AAH!
GAH!
SERGEANT HELP!
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK


FOOM
THUMP
HANG ON THACO, I'M ON MY WAY!
THORK
NAAAH!
THE AXE OH GODS NO THE AXE S COMING
THACO! SARA CAINE S COMING!
THE GOBLINSLAYER IS PROBABLY WITH HIM!


SNAP
IF THEY GET HERE WE'RE DEAD FOR SURE
THEN ONE OF US HAS TO
TO LEAD THEM AWAY
EARS, GET BACK HERE!
BIG EARS!
CLICK
EARS!

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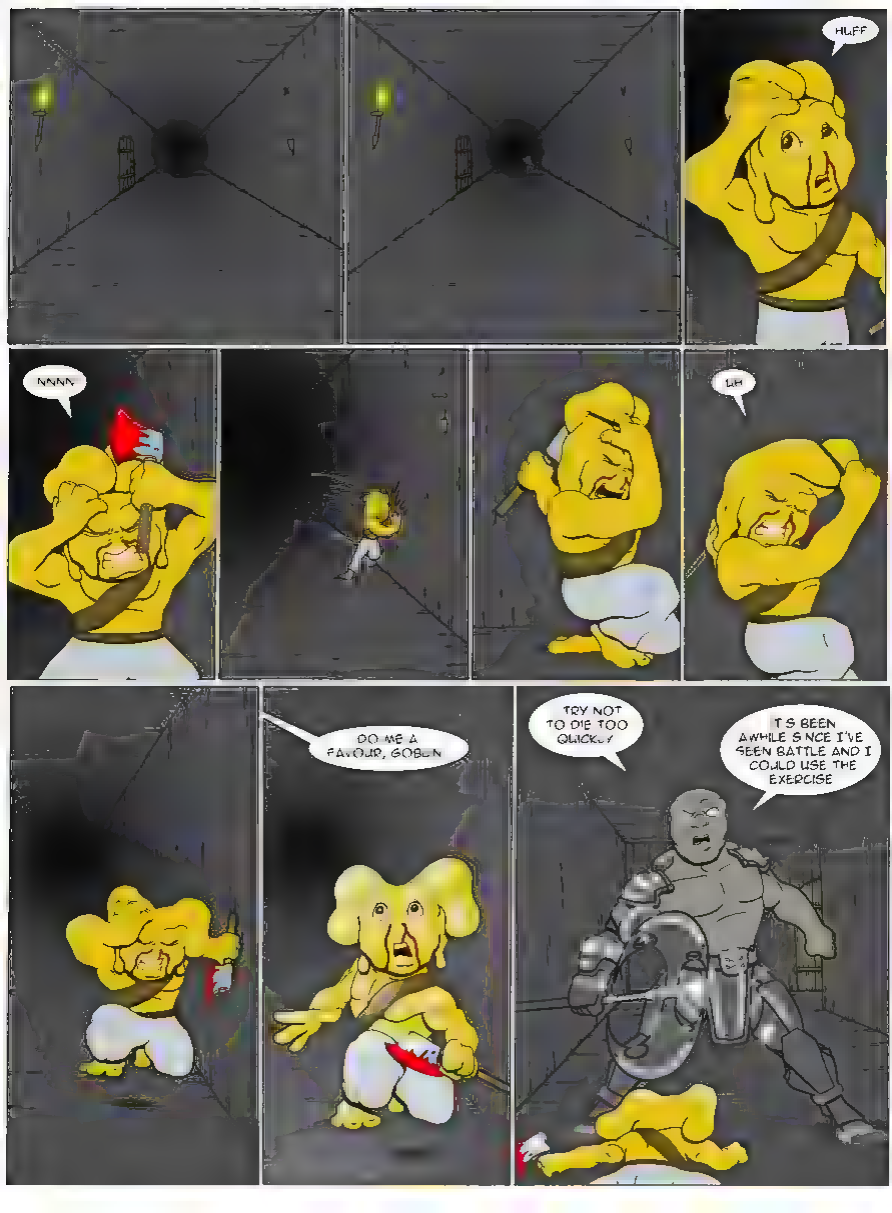
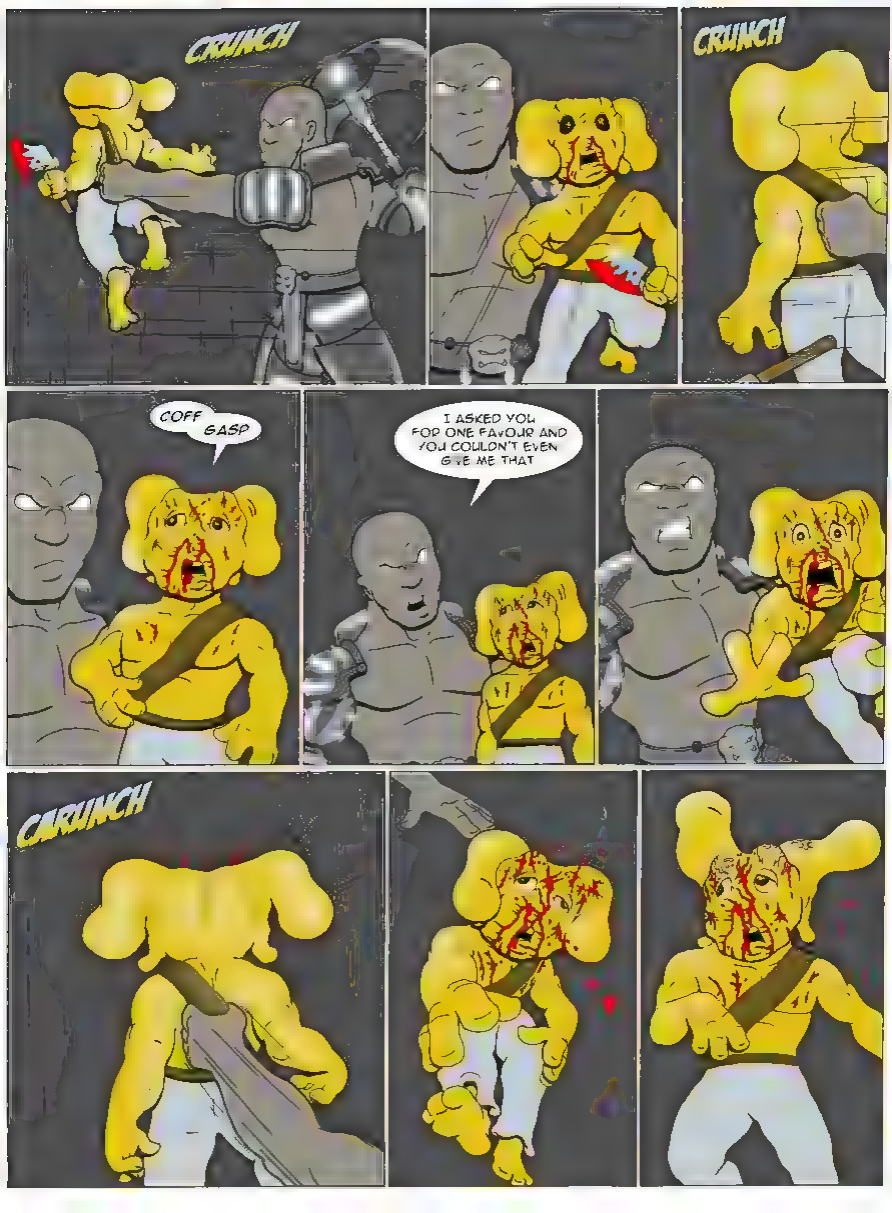

HUFF
NNNN
UH
DO ME A FAVOUR, GOBLIN
TRY NOT TO DIE TOO QUICKLY
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN BATTLE AND I COULD USE THE EXERCISE

CLUNG
OOP!
FWUP
CLIIINNG
SHIIIINNG


CRUNCH
CRUNCH
COFF
GASP
I ASKED YOU FOR ONE FAVOJO AND YOJ COULON'T EVEN GIVE ME THAT
CARUNCH

GASP
CLIIINNG

BLOOD
THIS GOBLIN HAS
BEEN BUSY

1057 Winters Ago..

A demon of furious power ripped its way out of the seventh layer of Hell and into this, the prime material plane the creature sought to scrape the life from this realm and claim it as a hell pocket for the seventh layer

To protect this realm, a group of high level, holy guardians gathered to destroy the demon. This group, consisting of eighty one paladins and twenty two clerics, battled the evil beast in what is now known as the War Crater at the end of the day, the demon still stood, yet only nine paladins and one cleric had survived

The remaining protectors decided that if the demon could not be destroyed or banished, then it would have to be imprisoned using secret and even forbidden magics. A powerful prison was forged in the fight to trap the unholy creature, all but one paladin were slain however, the demon was successfully contained

When the protectors had created the unique prison, they knew that in order for the powerful magics to continue being strong enough to hold onto an angry pseudo deity, the prison itself would have to be doused in selfless, good deeds on a near constant basis. It was for this reason that at its creation, the prison was given the form of a powerful enchanted axe. A tool meant for use only by paladins. For only a paladin would always use the axe for good and thereby keep the prison strong and the demon safely contained

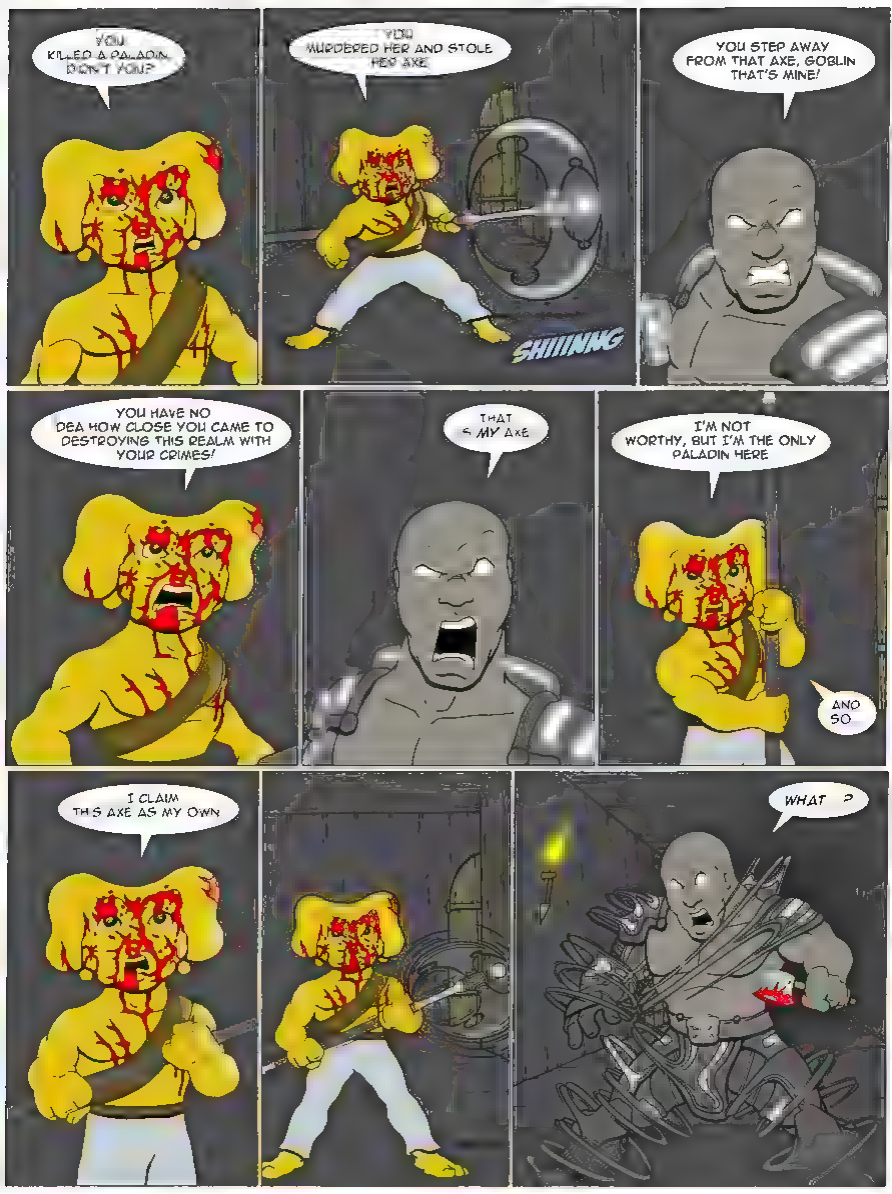
It was predicted that if this vital weapon were to lay dormant and unused or even worse, be used for evil, it would take only thirteen passings of the moon before the power of the axe would weaken to the point where the dreaded demon would break free and destroy our realm. Due to this fact, the careful design of the axe was such that it would amplify the demon's evil as it radiated from the weakening prison. It was hoped that this increasing sense of evil would draw other paladins to the axe like moths drawn to a flame. Then perhaps, the weapon would fall into worthier hands before it was too late

Because the axe was created as a paladin's tool, it was enchanted in such a way that it could never be used against that class of warrior. The axe would always pass harmlessly through any paladin like a ghost drifting through a castle wall. There was only one way for the axe to be solid for a paladin and that were if he wished it so

Although the axe was a mighty weapon for anyone who would wield it, its full power could only be unleashed by a paladin and only a paladin would become aware of the axe's purpose, history and abilities as soon as he came in contact with it, whether corporeal or not

"And so shall the evil be not destroyed, but contained. Weakened by courage, imprisoned by valor."

-Thus was born the Axe of Prissan

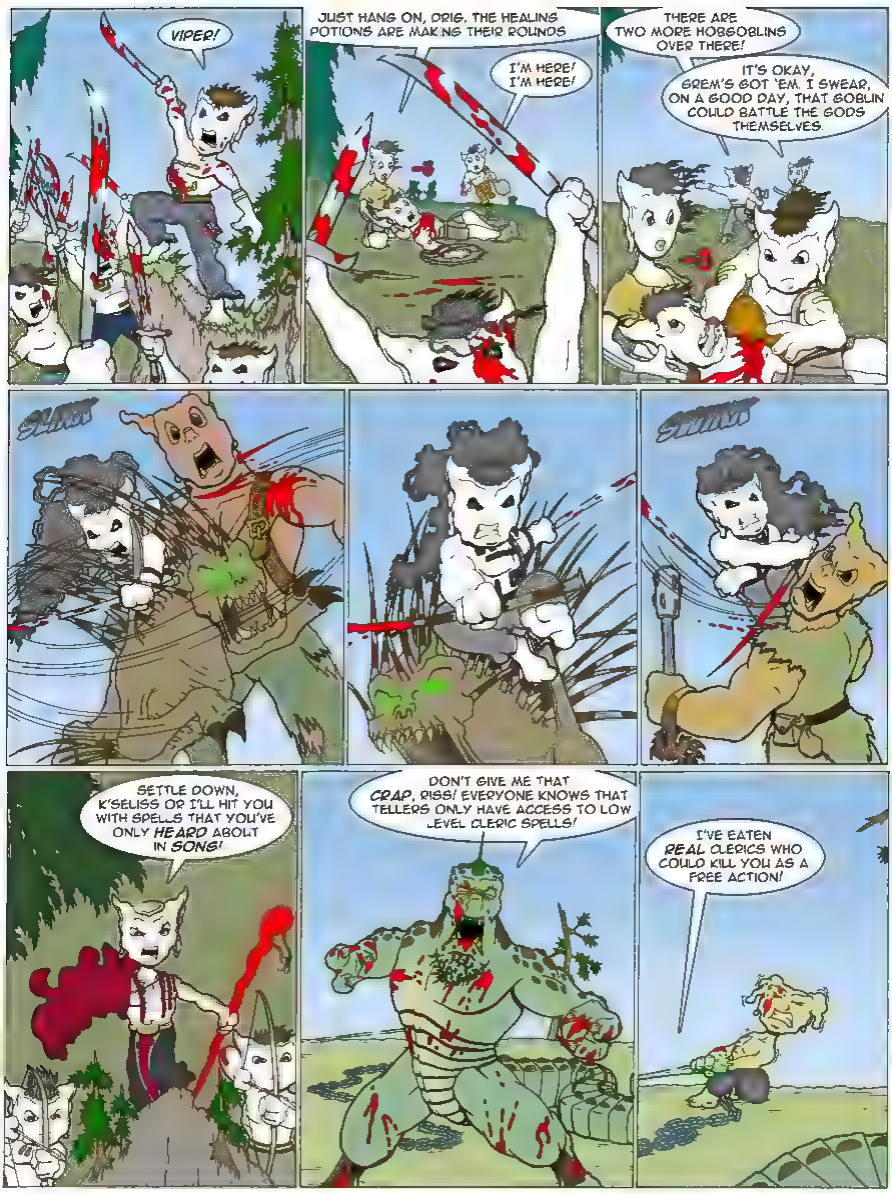

YOU KILLED A PALADIN, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU MURDERED HER AND STOLE HER AXE
SHIIIING
YOU STEP AWAY FROM THAT AXE, GOBLIN THAT'S MINE!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW CLOSE YOU CAME TO DESTROYING THIS REALM WITH YOUR CRIMES!
THAT S MY AXE
I'M NOT WORTHY, BUT I'M THE ONLY PALADIN HERE
AND SO
I CLAIM THIS AXE AS MY OWN
WHAT ?

NO!
THA-
-
LYNX!
FWOOM
THEN COME AND GET I

GREAT WORK, DES! YOU SAVED SAVES A FOX!
EXCEPT YOU.
YOU KNOW
STABBED HER
A LOT
NOW PULL HER UP. NICE AND SMOOTH!
IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY! I CAN ONLY SNAP THE BLADE BACK AND IF I DO THAT SHE'LL FALL!
WELL WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, SHE'S ABOUT TO
OH I DON'T BELIEVE IT
UH!
JUST A LITTLE FURTHER, FOX! TRY TO REACH MY HAND!
THAT'S OKAY
HAHA, I THREW UP
I THREW UP HIT POINTS
FOX!

DIES!
GRAB HER! DO SOMETHING!
CA-CRUNCH
RAAR!
CRA-SNAP
RRRUUUUUUMMMMMBLLLLLLLEEEE
TING
RRRRRRRRRUUUUUUUUUUUMMMMMMMMMMMMMMBBBBLLLLLLLLEEEE
NOOO!
SH-CHING

RRRRRRRRRRRRUUUUUUUUUUUUUMMMMMMMMMMMMMBBBBBBLLLLLLLLLEE
NNN!
KA-TINC
AH! AH!
AAH! MY SHOULDER!
RRRRRRRRRRUUUUUUUUUUUUMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMBBBBLLLLL
HAH!
RRRRRUUUUUUUMMMMMMMMMBBBLLLLLL


VIPER!
JUST HANG ON, ORIG. THE HEALING POTIONS ARE MAKING THEIR ROUNDS
I'M HERE! I'M HERE!
THERE ARE TWO MORE HOBGOBLINS OVER THERE!
IT'S OKAY. GREM'S GOT 'EM. I SWEAR, ON A GOOD DAY, THAT GOBLIN COULD BATTLE THE GODS THEMSELVES.
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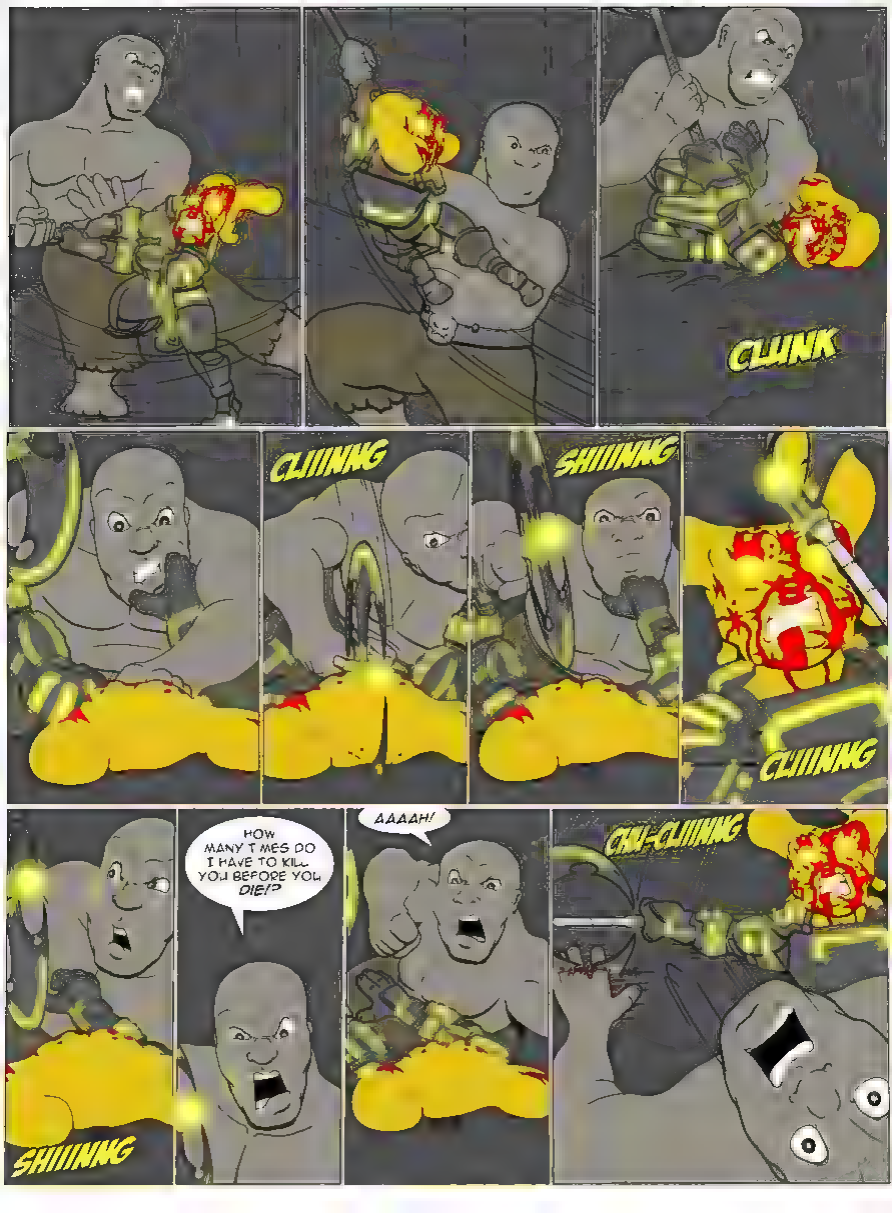
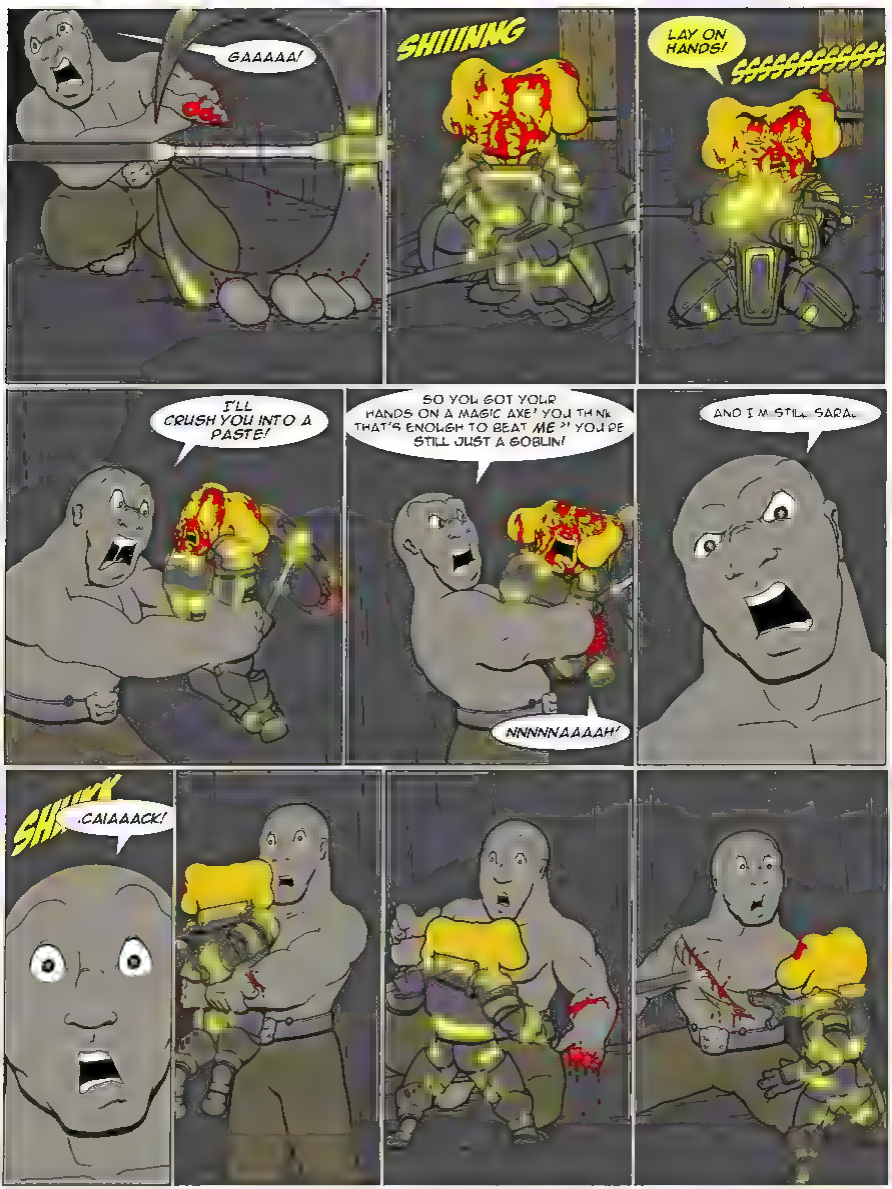
SLASH
SLASH
SETTLE DOWN, K'SELISS OR I'LL HIT YOU WITH SPELLS THAT YOU'VE ONLY HEARD ABOUT IN SONG!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP, RISS! EVERYONE KNOWS THAT TELLERS ONLY HAVE ACCESS TO LOW LEVEL CLERIC SPELLS!
I'VE EATEN REAL CLERICS WHO COULD KILL YOU AS A FREE ACTION!

HUFF HUFF
SW-CHING
OH NO
HUFF
SOMEONE GIVE ME SOME CLOTH SO I CAN BIND FOX'S
FOX!
OUTTA THE WAY!
GASP!
ACK!

WHERE'S HAVAP
A LOT OF GOOD GOBLINS DIED DURING THIS BATTLE
HUUH!
AHAA!
AAH!
HUFF
AH!

CRUNG
CLUNK
UH!
AH!
LAY ON H
AAAH!


CLUNK
CLIIINNG
SHIIINNG
CLIIINNG
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO KILL YOU BEFORE YOU DIE!?
AAAAH!
CLNK-CLIIINNG
SHIIINNG


GAAAAA!
SHIIINNG
LAY ON HANDS!
I'LL CRUSH YOU INTO A PASTE!
SO YOU GOT YOUR HANDS ON A MAGIC AXE! YOU THINK THAT'S ENOUGH TO BEAT ME?! YOU'RE STILL JUST A GOBLIN!
NNNNNAAAAH!
AND I'M STILL SARA.
SHUNK
CAIAAACK!

SHUKK
GUFF
SHUK-
GLIIINNG
HUFF
HUFF

ARE YOU GUYS ALRIGHT? I HAD TO USE MY LAY ON HANDS ABILITY TO HEAL SOME OF MY OWN WOUNDS, BUT I CAN STILL...
IT'S OKAY.
CHIEF HEALED A LOT OF OUR DAMAGE ALREADY
OH OKAY GOOD
DID YOU GUYS HIT LEVEL THREE AS WELL?
YEAH
YEAH WE FIGURE THAT WE MUST BE GETTING BONUS XP FOR ENTERING THE CITY OR SOMETHING
UM.
I DON'T.
LET'S GO GET VORPAL.
PALADINS GET THE BEST STUFF AT THIRD LEVEL.
NO KIDDING

HEY
HEY WAIT A SECOND
HIS BELT HAS THE SYMBOL FROM OUR CLAN'S CROWN! BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR CROWN AND THERE HAS ALWAYS ONLY BEEN ONE! WHY WOULD SOMEONE WAY OUT IN BRASSMOON BE WEARING
CHEF C'MON!
SO IS IT ME OR DID THAT WHOLE BATTLE SEEM WAY TOO EASY?
EASY?
GAHAH!
ARE YOU INSANE?!
Y'KNOW, IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE YOUR POINT WITHOUT JABBING AT MY WOUNDS!
THOSE WERE UNTRAINED GUARDS, NOT YET MEANT FOR BATTLE
MAYBE 1/4 CHALLENGE RATING EACH

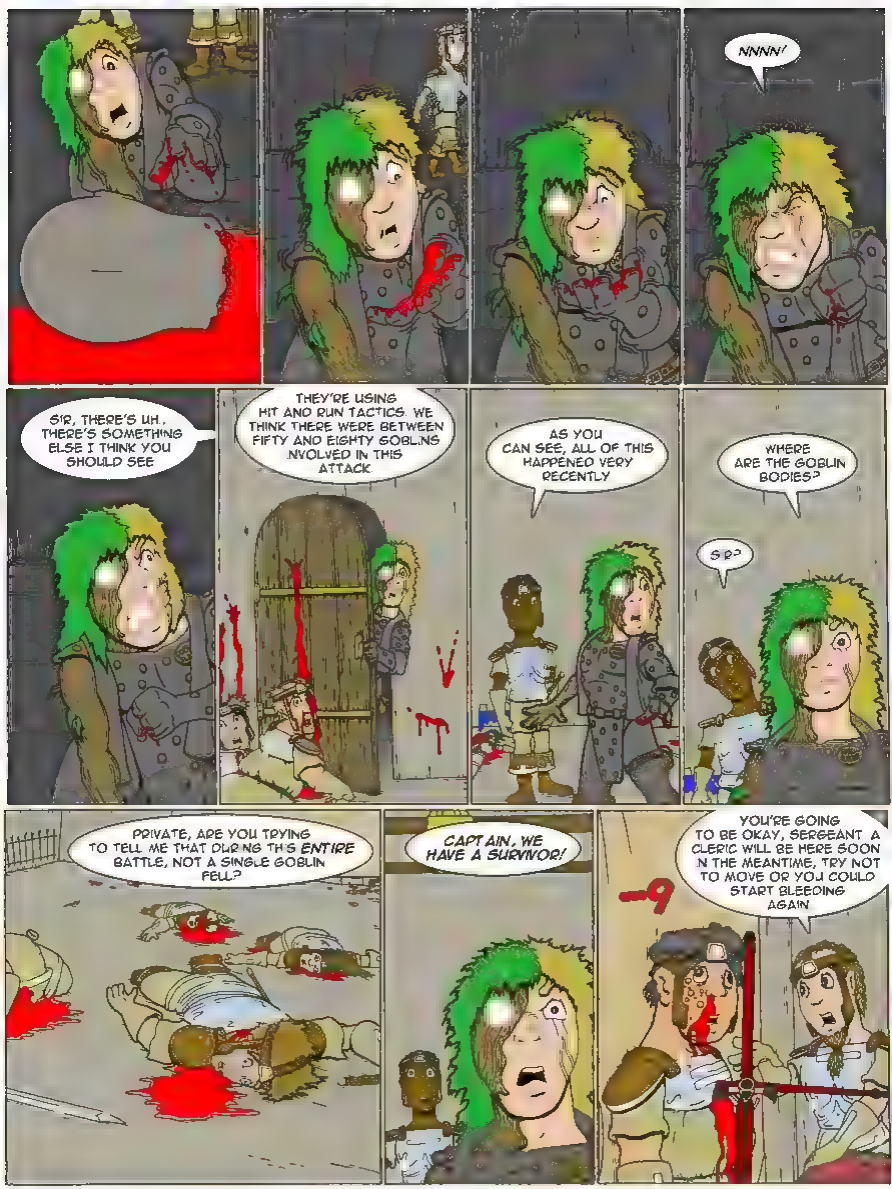
SO? AREN'T WE 1/4 CHALLENGE RATING?
SINCE 3.5 EDITION, WE'RE 1/3 PLUS MORE, WHEN YOU FACTOR IN OUR ADVENTURER LEVELS
WELL... THEN I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS IT WE WON BECAUSE OUR COLLECTIVE CHALLENGE RATING WAS HIGHER THAN THEIRS
OH REALLY
OF COURSE IT ALL COMES DOWN TO BASIC MATH
THEN HOW WAS BARBARELLA ABLE TO DEFEAT SARALIA'S CHALLENGE RATING WAS MUCH HIGHER
THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE AN ELEMENT OF CHAOS IN EVERY BATTLE. SURE, THE CHALLENGE RATING STATES WHO IS MORE POWERFUL, BUT THERE ARE UNCALCULATED VARIABLES SHIFTING IN AND OUT OF ANY SITUATION. QUICK THINKING AND GOOD USE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS CAN CAUSE AN UNLIKELY VICTORY
IF IT WAS ONLY ABOUT LEVELS AND CHALLENGE RATINGS, THEN THERE WOULD BE NO WARS EACH ARMY WOULD ADD UP ITS TOTAL CHALLENGE RATING AND THE SIDE WITH THE LOWEST TOTAL WOULD SIMPLY GIVE UP AND GO HOME, BECAUSE THEY'D KNOW THAT THERE WOULD BE NO WAY FOR THEM TO WIN
YOUR FATHER USED TO SAY THAT
I KNOW
CHKCLAK
RATTLE
CKREEEEEEEEE
WELL I'LL BE DAMNED THE KEYS WORK
ALRIGHT GOBLINS, LISTEN UP APPARENTLY ALMOST ALL OF THE ELITE GUARDS ARE IN THE SEWERS LOOKING FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE A GOBLIN ARMY WHICH MEANS THIS PLACE IS PRACTICALLY DESERTED AND WE ARE LUCKIER THAN THE GODS
SO IF WE'RE QUICK AND QUIET WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GRAB FUMBLES AND GET OUT OF HERE WITHOUT ANY MORE PROBLEMS
LET'S GO

I DON'T LIKE THIS. I DON'T LIKE HOW WE'RE DOING THIS
SIGH. YES GREM, YOU'VE SAID THIS A NUMBER OF TIMES
WELL? HAVE THEY AGREED TO IT YET?
YES CHIEFTESS THEY'RE SELECTING ARMOUR AND WEAPONS FOR THEMSELVES NOW
GOOD. TAKE ME TO THEM
I SIMPLY TOLD HIM THAT IF HE BROUGHT US THE ORB, HE COULD GO FREE
I DIDN'T SEE THE NEED
YOU DIDN'T MENTION THAT HE'S DESTINED TO DIE IN THAT DUNGEON CRAWL?
MOTHER, LET ME ENTER THE WELL OF DARKNESS WITH THEM. IT'S MY DUTY TO THE CLAN
YOUR DUTY TO THE CLAN IS TO OBEY ME, GREM. BESIDES
SAVES A FOX AND THE NEWCOMER AGREED AFTER I EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT IF THEY DIDN'T BRING US THE ORB, WE WOULD BURN THE OTHER SLAVE TENTS WITH THE SLAVES STILL IN THEM.
AND HOW DID YOU GET K'SELISS TO GO? IT'S NOT LIKE HE CARES IF WE START BURNING SLAVES
IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE THEY'RE READY TO TAKE ON ANY CHALLENGE
I'LL GET YOU YOUR ORB DUV, AND WHEN I DO

...I'LL SHOVE IT SO FAR UP YOUR. .
SAVES A FOX, WHEN YOU DISRESPECT ME, YOU BETRAY YOUR OWN BLOODLINE
I AM THE WHITE TERROR THE WINGED GOBLIN CHOSEN BY OUR GOD TO RULE US ALL AND AS SUCH, YOU SHOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE ANY SACRIFICE I ASK FOR
SHE LOST A CLOSE FRIEND TODAY CAN'T WE AT LEAST GIVE HER SOME TIME TO GRIEVE?
THE HOBGOBLIN ATTACK IS JUST ANOTHER REMINDER OF WHY WE NEED TO GET THE ORB OF BLOODLIGHT AS SOON AS WE CAN
NOW THE THREE OF YOU GET GOING BRING ME THE ORB AND EVERYONE GOES FREE
FAIL AND ALL THE SLAVES DIE
WHATEVER LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH
I. I CAN'T NO. I KNOW I SAID I WOULD, BUT I CAN'T
DIES, IT'LL BE OKAY
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND DUNGEON CRAWLS ARE ALWAYS MADE BY SOME MAD WIZARD OR SOMETHING AND THEY'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO KILL YOU IN SOME BIZARRE WAY AND IT'S MY DESTINY TO

DESTINIES CAN BE OVERCOME
HERE IS THE PROOF
I PROMISE YOU THAT I WILL NOT LET YOU DIE IN THERE.
KLIK

HOW CAN GOBLINS BURN DOWN MY HOME WITHOUT A SOUL WITNESSING IT?
WELL SIR, WE STILL DON'T KNOW FOR SURE IF IT WAS GOBLINS
AND HOW THE HELL DID THEY KNOW WHERE I LIVED?! AND WHERE'S SARAL CAINE?! I SWEAR, HE AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES AROUND HERE WHO
CAPTAIN GOBLINSLAYER! BEFORE YOU COME THIS WAY THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD... WELL...
MAYBE YOU SHOULD SIT DOWN
GOBLIN SLAYER
HAW!


NNNN!
SIR, THERE'S UH.. THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE
THEY'RE USING HIT AND RUN TACTICS WE THINK THERE WERE BETWEEN FIFTY AND EIGHTY GOBLINS INVOLVED IN THIS ATTACK
AS YOU CAN SEE, ALL OF THIS HAPPENED VERY RECENTLY
WHERE ARE THE GOBLIN BODIES?
SIR?
PRIVATE, ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT DURING THIS ENTIRE BATTLE, NOT A SINGLE GOBLIN FELL?
CAPTAIN, WE HAVE A SURVIVOR!
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YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY, SERGEANT A CLERIC WILL BE HERE SOON N THE MEANTIME, TRY NOT TO MOVE OR YOU COULD START BLEEDING AGAIN

LOOKS LIKE HE STABILIZED JUST BEFORE DEATH. HE SHOULD BE OKAY IF WE'RE GENTLE WITH...
HOW MANY OF THEM WERE THERE?! A HUNDRED?! TWO HUNDRED?! WHAT CLAN WERE THEY?! WHAT DID THEY LOOK LIKE?!
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SIR? WHAT IS IT? WHAT DID HE SAY?
WE ARE IN
IN CONTROL
THAAACCCCCCCCCC!
LET'S KEEP MOVING.
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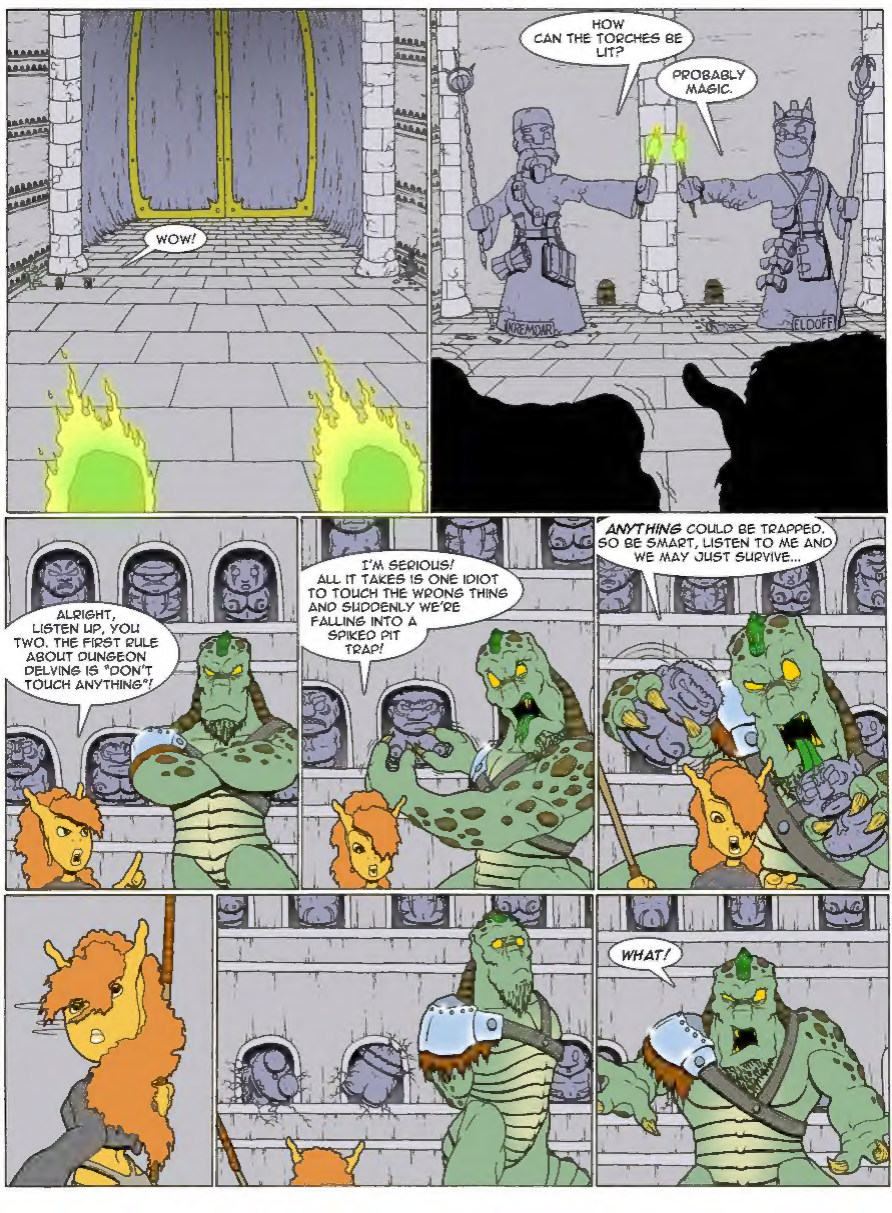
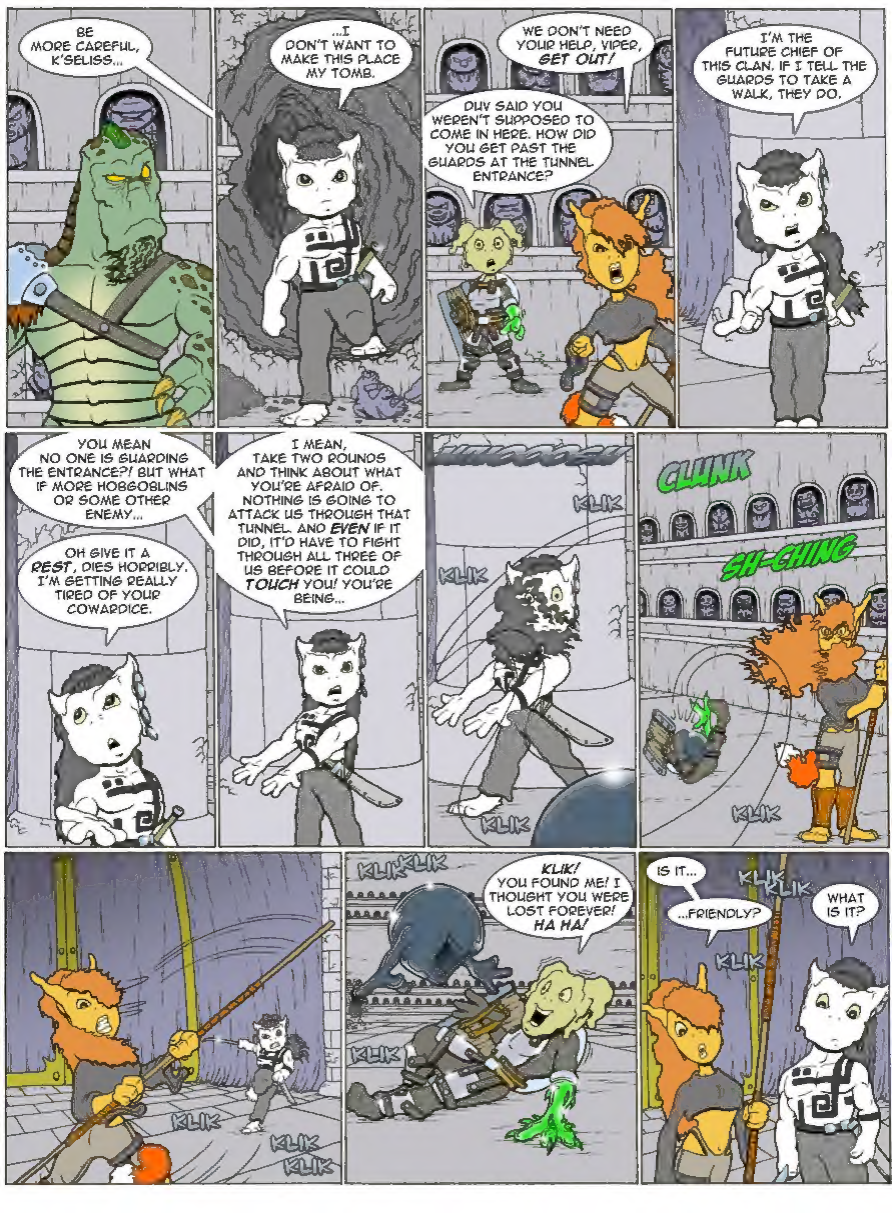

WOW!
HOW CAN THE TORCHES BE LIT?
PROBABLY MAGIC.
KREMOAR
ELDOFF
ALRIGHT, LISTEN UP, YOU TWO. THE FIRST RULE ABOUT DUNGEON DELVING IS "DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING"!
I'M SERIOUS! ALL IT TAKES IS ONE IDIOT TO TOUCH THE WRONG THING AND SUDDENLY WE'RE FALLING INTO A SPIKED PIT TRAP!
ANYTHING COULD BE TRAPPED. SO BE SMART, LISTEN TO ME AND WE MAY JUST SURVIVE...
WHAT!


BE MORE CAREFUL, K'SELISS...
...I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THIS PLACE MY TOMB.
WE DON'T NEED YOUR HELP, VIPER, GET OUT!
DUV SAID YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO COME IN HERE. HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE GUARDS AT THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE?
I'M THE FUTURE CHIEF OF THIS CLAN. IF I TELL THE GUARDS TO TAKE A WALK, THEY DO.
YOU MEAN NO ONE IS GUARDING THE ENTRANCE?! BUT WHAT IF MORE HOBGOBLINS OR SOME OTHER ENEMY...
OH GIVE IT A REST, DIES HORRIBLY. I'M GETTING REALLY TIRED OF YOUR COWARDICE.
I MEAN, TAKE TWO ROUNDS AND THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE AFRAID OF. NOTHING IS GOING TO ATTACK US THROUGH THAT TUNNEL. AND EVEN IF IT DID, IT'D HAVE TO FIGHT THROUGH ALL THREE OF US BEFORE IT COULD TOUCH YOU! YOU'RE BEING...
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
CLUNK
SH-CHING
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK/ YOU FOUND ME! I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOST FOREVER! HA HA!
KLIK
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IS IT...
...FRIENDLY?
KLIK
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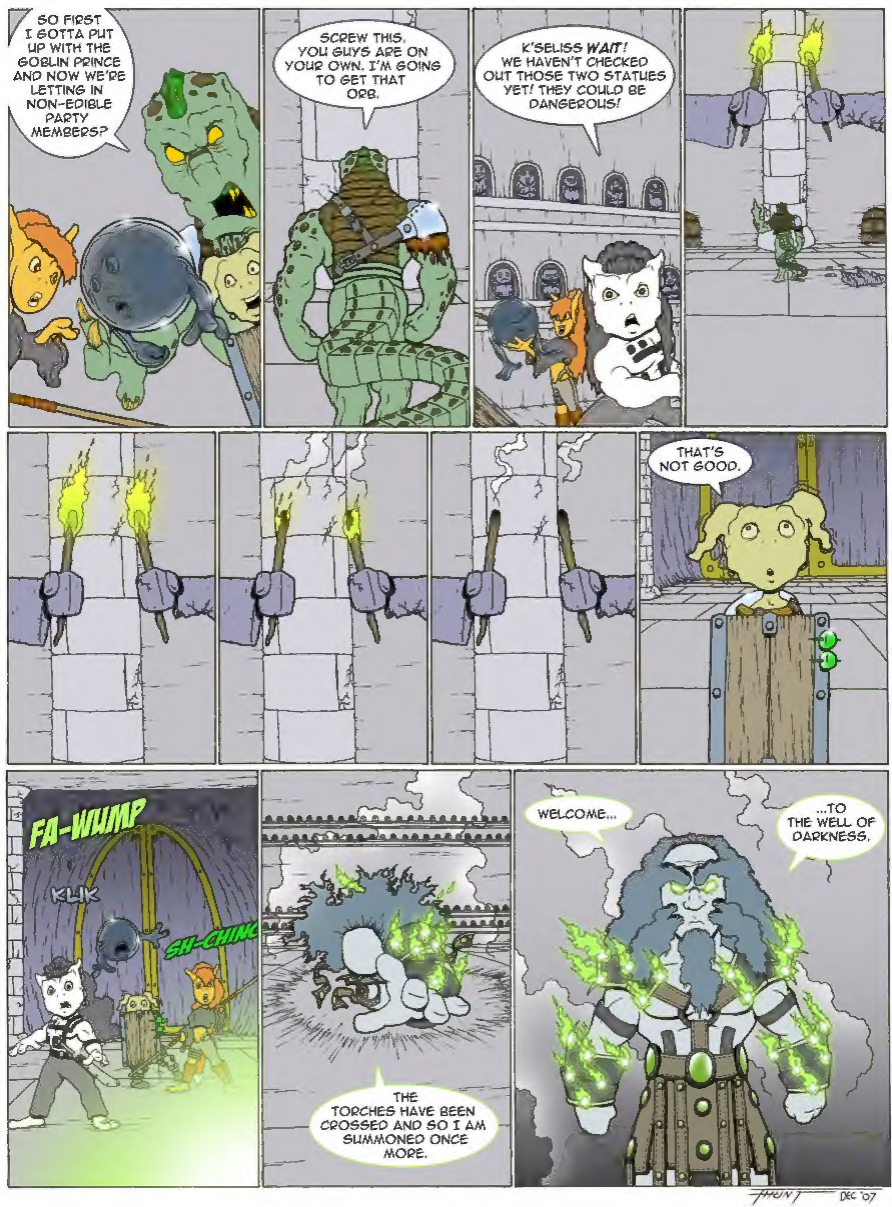
WHAT IS IT?


SO FIRST I GOTTA PUT UP WITH THE GOBLIN PRINCE AND NOW WE'RE LETTING IN NON-EDIBLE PARTY MEMBERS?
SCREW THIS. YOU GUYS ARE ON YOUR OWN. I'M GOING TO GET THAT ORB.
K'SELISS WAIT! WE HAVEN'T CHECKED OUT THOSE TWO STATUES YET! THEY COULD BE DANGEROUS!
THAT'S NOT GOOD.
FA-WUMP
KLIK
SH-CHINK
THE TORCHES HAVE BEEN CROSSED AND SO I AM SUMMONED ONCE MORE.
WELCOME...
...TO THE WELL OF DARKNESS.
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